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## Facts About Germany: Blockade Strangling Her War Effort

# HITLER'S DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

**D**ESPITE NAZI CLAIMS THAT THE ALLIED BLOCKADE IS NOT HURTING GERMANY, I CAN REVEAL TODAY THAT HITLER'S BIGGEST WORRY IS THE STRANGLING EFFECT OF CONTRABAND CONTROL.

To relieve the situation and to increase dwindling stores of vital raw materials, Hitler has just sent from Berlin three special missions to neutral countries.

Those missions are urgent, because, according to information known to the men controlling the Allied blockade, the facts are that Germany's commercial and industrial position is steadily becoming more serious. The situation briefly is:

**GOLD RESERVES:** Now less than £5,000,000. Ordinary purchases from abroad drastically limited.

**IRON:** Blast furnace plants hampered by shortage of good grade ore.

**STEEL:** Works affected by lack of raw material. One important plant on the point of closing down.

**PETROL:** Shortage becoming more acute. Virtually no supplies being sent from Russia.

**FOOD:** Growing shortage of potatoes, meat, eggs and fats. Flour situation worse. Rations being reduced.

**RUBBER:** Factories in Austria have already closed down. Cars and cycles exported overland are sent without tyres.

**COPPER, COTTON, WOOL:** Grave shortage. Exports containing cotton or tin forbidden. High-speed NICKEL STEEL and STAINLESS STEEL also subject to exportation ban.

### Economic Worries

These economic worries have prompted the panic missions to neutral countries. And at the head of those missions Hitler is putting the best commercial brains in the Reich. They are:

Dr. SCHACHT, whose job in Sweden was to try to obtain increased shipments of iron ore. In the last few months Germany has been receiving less than a half of her normal imports from this source.

Herr WOHLTAT, whose task in Rumania will be to try to persuade King Carol to supply to Germany increased supplies of oil and foodstuffs.

Dr. CLODIUS, expert on Balkan affairs, who will ask Italy to send to the Reich bigger quantities of raw material and food.

Herr von Ribbentrop has the biggest mission of all. He is taking with him to Moscow this week dozens of economic experts and technicians, in an effort to speed up delivery from Russia of oil and materials promised to the Reich.

Bulgaria, Spain and South American Republics will also be tackled by officials of the German Ministry of Trade and asked to increase supplies to the Nazis. Germany's problem today is governed by the fact that before the war more than 50 per cent. of her imports came by sea. That source of supply has been virtually stopped by the Allied blockade.

### Balkan Supplies

The Balkans, from which the Nazis are hoping to get increased imports, supplied only 14 per cent. of Germany's outside needs. But that 14 per cent. represented a much larger percentage of the materials that those countries had available for export.

And we the Allies are now buying from them much more than in peace time, as part of the blockade policy, and thus reducing the supplies available for Germany.

The Allied blockade authorities know that there are some leaks in the organisation. There is a fair quantity of material, for instance, going across the Pacific to Vladivostok for consignment to Germany overland by the Trans-Siberian Railway.

But the British naval authorities in the Pacific are at the present moment dealing with that leakage.

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Don't You  
Worry  
While  
I'm  
Away!



## 2 U-Boats Sunk: Mines Stop Dutch Sailings

Moscow's Boast

**"We Don't  
Fear the  
Allies"**

Helsinki, Saturday.

**M.** MOLOTOV, the Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar, told the Finnish peace delegates that Russia was not afraid of the Allies, said Dr. Paasikivi, one of the delegates, during a Press conference in Helsinki tonight.

Dr. Paasikivi was asked whether the question of Allied help was discussed during the Moscow peace negotiations.

"Yes," he replied, "and Molotov said to me: 'We are not afraid of Britain or France.'"

Dr. Paasikivi said that the atmosphere during the peace talks in the Kremlin "was more formal and cold than last autumn." M. Molotov and the other Soviet negotiators were very direct and categorical.—B.U.P.

### MORE VIM IN FRENCH CABINET

Paris, Saturday.

**A**LL commentators agree today that the French Senate's resolution last night "to conduct the war with increasing energy to complete victory" means that the Cabinet should be one of action.

It is taken for granted that there will be a reshuffle of the Cabinet by Premier Daladier, who won a Senate vote of confidence by 240 votes to all with 70 abstentions.

The newspapers foresee the appointment of a separate National Defence or War Minister, perhaps also a Foreign Minister.

General Gamelin, Generalissimo of the Allied armies, continues to be one of the "probables" for the post of War Minister.—A.P.

**W**ITH U-BOATS AND MINES, GERMANY HAS BEGUN A NEW TERROR WAVE IN THE NORTH SEA. FOR MORE THAN A WEEK THE U-BOATS HAD SKULDED IN PORT. WHEN THEY CAME OUT, FRENCH NAVAL CIRCLES REPORTED LAST NIGHT, TWO OF THEM WERE SUNK.

Another U-boat was believed to be lurking off the Scottish coast in the path of a merchant convoy. Depth charges were dropped by our vessels, but the submarine did not surface, and its fate is unknown.

In their mine warfare the Germans concentrated on the neutral coast of Holland. The minefield there is believed to be so intensive that Dutch naval authorities yesterday advised all vessels at Flushing not to leave port until further notice.

This advice followed reports that after the sinking of the British steamer Borthwick a week ago at the mouth of the Scheldt three more ships had gone down near the Nordhinder Lightship.

One of these was reported to be the British steamer Melrose. Details of the other two ships were not revealed.

### TWO TRAWLERS LOST

The German High Command yesterday claimed that Nazi planes had carried out reconnaissance over "the entire North Sea," had sunk one British patrol boat and had damaged another.

There was no confirmation of this claim last night in London.

The Admiralty announced that H.M. trawler Peridot (skipper W. H. Burgess, R.N.R.) was mined and sunk on Friday. There were no casualties.

It was also announced that H.M. trawler Maids was sunk yesterday by an enemy mine. The commanding officer, Skipper R. Nutting, R.N.R., and five ratings are missing and are feared to have been lost.

Official protest to Germany has been made by the Norwegian Government over the torpedoing of the 3,482-ton steamer Nidarholm, which was on voyage from America to Liverpool.

The Norwegian Government reserves

the right to demand compensation, and expects the German Government to take suitable action against the U-boat captain.

The sinking of yet another two U-boats was described yesterday by two Portuguese stowaways on the British freighter St. Lindsay on arrival at Rio de Janeiro.

The submarines were met on the high seas. After a short fight, one was sunk by the freighter's guns.

The other fled, but was sunk by a warship.

### "CHURCHILL IN PARIS," SAYS GERMAN RADIO

**T**HE German wireless asserted last night that Mr. Winston Churchill had left "helter-skelter" for Paris.

His precipitate journey is connected with stormy events in the French Parliament," the announcer alleged.

The British Admiralty refused to comment on the report that the First Lord had left London. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald is attending a conference in Paris concerning Colonial questions. This may account for German confusion.

## R.A.F. OVER THE BIGHT AND POLAND

**R.** A.F. PILOTS HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE FLIGHTS OVER AREAS AS FAR APART AS THE HELIGOLAND BIGHT AND POLAND.

The Air Ministry announced last night: "Aircraft of the Bomber Command carried out reconnaissances of the Heligoland Bight this morning. Opposition was experienced from enemy fighters and A.A. gun defences, but our aircraft completed their task and returned safely."

The Ministry stated earlier yesterday that R.A.F. reconnaissance activities in the previous 24 hours included a night flight over Polish territory and an engagement between an aircraft of the Coastal Command and an enemy bomber. During a running fight the enemy bomber was repeatedly attacked and damage was seen to be inflicted. The enemy aircraft finally escaped into the clouds.

## MYSTERY TALKS IN ROME

# Welles Sees Duce: 'Peace Plan' Report

Rome, Saturday.

**M**R. SUMNER WELLES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "PEACE REPORTER," WHO ARRIVED BACK IN ROME LAST NIGHT, IS HAVING A NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK-END WHICH IT IS FELT HERE MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE WAR.

It is now known that he has a more important mission than the mere collection of information.

Some quarters in Rome believe that Germany, Russia and Italy, through Mussolini, will try to win U.S. support for a peace settlement.

This morning Mr. Welles had an audience with the King of Italy. It lasted three-quarters of an hour.

Then he saw Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

What they discussed is a secret. An official communique says they "had a long and cordial interview."

This evening Mr. Welles met Signor Mussolini.

He will have an interview with the Pope on Monday.

### STILL POSSIBLE

The opinion that Mr. Welles' second visit is much more important than his first is expressed by Marshal Balbo's newspaper, the "Corriere Padano."

The newspaper declares that peace is still possible because the conflict has not reached a decisive phase. The leading article in which this view is expressed is regarded as of the utmost importance in Italian authoritative quarters, and it was circulated to foreign correspondents immediately after the Ciano-Welles interview had finished.

"The Welles mission is only a beginning," it said. "It will become more important in the future, because of the authority which the U.S. enjoys in Europe and because of the weight which the U.S. must have in the future organisation of Europe in the economic and political field."

More diplomatic talks of international importance will be held in Rome and at the Vatican, the paper says.

(B.U.P. and Reuter.)

### Roosevelt's Call

## NO PEACE IF FREEDOM IS DENIED

Washington, Saturday.

**P**RESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a world-wide broadcast from the White House today, declared that the world seeks "a moral basis for peace," and that no peace can last "if the fruit of it is oppression or starvation or cruelty or human life dominated by armed camps."

The President was joining Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in a two-way broadcast made in connection with the Christian Foreign Service Convocation in New York.

"It cannot be a sound peace if small nations must live in fear of powerful nations," he declared. "It cannot be a moral peace if freedom from invasion is sold for tribute."

### GUARANTEES NEEDED

"The world needs a real peace," he added, "with guarantees for the integrity of small nations and religious and intellectual freedom."

"It cannot be an intelligent peace if it denies free passage to that knowledge of these ideals which permit men to find a common ground. It cannot be a righteous peace if the worship of God is denied."

On these fundamentals, he said, the world did not have a true peace after the last war.—A.P. and B.U.P.

## £1,000 "SPY" GAME BY CHURCHILL

**M**ERCHANT SEAMEN OF ALL THE WORLD WERE INVITED BY MR. CHURCHILL YESTERDAY TO HUNT OUT GERMAN WARSHIPS AND GIVE NEWS OF ENEMY MINES. HE OFFERED PRIZE MONEY UP TO £1,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OR DESTRUCTION OF AN ENEMY WARSHIP AND SMALLER AWARDS FOR ACCURATE REPORTS OF OTHER NAZI ACTIVITIES.

The prize money is payable not only to British seamen and other civilians but to people of every nationality.

A neutral sailor, landing with news at a British port, can qualify for an award. The beachcombers will cash in. A child who sees a mine on the seashore and tells the police will be rewarded by Mr. Churchill.

During the last war a similar scheme was in operation. It was a great success. Many people made a handsome profit by scanning the sea with field-glasses.

Here is the Admiralty's scale of awards, issued yesterday:

**£1,000** MAXIMUM for information leading directly to the capture or destruction of an enemy war vessel, the actual amount to be assessed by the Admiralty according to the value of the information and the size of the vessel concerned.

**£50** MAXIMUM for news of the movements and activities of enemy warships, including those engaged on minelaying.

**£5** MAXIMUM for information of the position of enemy floating or moored mines, including the dropping of parachute mines by aircraft.

**£1** MAXIMUM for first news of a mine washed ashore and recovered. This award may be increased in the case of a magnetic or other specially interesting mine.

**£5** MAXIMUM for the recovery of floats mine sinkers, mine fragments, or other objects of enemy origin, if of patterns not yet known or if examination yields new knowledge.

Posters advertising the awards are to be soon on exhibition.

### Next Army Calls

**UP TO 32,  
BUT NO  
40's YET**

**U**NLESS developments over seas demand a speedier expansion of the Services, it is probable that the next Proclamation will call for the registration only of men in the 28-to-32 age group. The question is under consideration, and no decision has yet been taken.

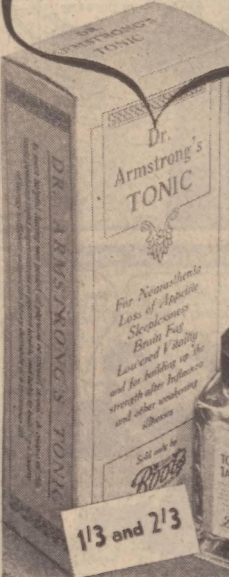
It was officially indicated yesterday, however, that suggestions that the Proclamation may extend to men up to 35, or even 40, are pure invention.

Registration of the 27s—expected at the beginning of June—will exhaust all the age groups covered by the Proclamation issued on New Year's Day, and another Proclamation will be required for additional groups.

Registration of men up to 32 would provide five classes comprising probably 1,500,000 men. Allowance must, of course, be made for the larger number of men in these groups who are in reserved occupations.

Regard must also be had to the possibilities of a German—or Allied—offensive.

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# "The Angel" X-Rayed UGLIEST MAN IS— QUINTESSENCE OF POWER

Boston, Mass., Saturday.  
SCIENTISTS WHO X-RAYED MAURICE ("THE ANGEL") TILLET, SELF-STYLED "WORLD'S UGLIEST MAN," DESCRIBE HIM AS THE QUINTESSENCE OF PHYSICAL POWER AND CLAIM HE IS THE CLOSEST LIVING SPECIMEN TO PREHISTORIC NEANDERTHAL MAN.

Well-known American anthropologists were astonished to find that although he stood only 5 ft. 8½ in. in his socks he tipped the scale at 19 st. 5 lb.—mostly all bone and muscle.

They prodded his muscles, measured his bones, peered between his cavernous jaws and finally put him under the X-ray.

Here are some of Tillet's measurements.

Chest 47 inches, neck 19½ inches, width of face 7½ inches, length of face 14 inches.

Tillet's skull is of extraordinary thickness. A protruberance on the back of his head is about the size of a golf-ball.

Extending from this "bump" along the back of his skull is a bony shelf covered by a triple layer of muscle. This armour-plated head contains a "good, large brain," the scientists say.

"BEAR HUG"

"The Angel" talks in French. He is a native of Rheims. His voice booms and raps. His English is confined to monosyllables.

He eats more than three ordinary men, washing down his meals with a pot of coffee. He eats a 14-lb. turkey with all the "fixings" after a wrestling bout.

In his few matches in America he has defeated his opponents with an encircling movement known as a "bear hug."

To add to his gruesome appearance, a half-dozen of his front teeth are missing. Tillet explained that an opponent in Birmingham (England) loosened them with a kick. He says he stopped to pull them out before wrestling another 46 minutes and winning the bout.

Tillet is thirty-six, and was discovered in Singapore by the former wrestler Karl Pojello.

After a brief career in British and French wrestling rings, Pojello brought him to America on the outbreak of war.

—B.U.P.

## Arrested Communists

### 36 EX-M.P.s ON TRIAL FOR THEIR LIVES

Paris, Saturday.

THIRTY-SIX former French Communist Deputies will be on trial for their lives when they leave their cells on Wednesday and appear before a military tribunal on a charge of having betrayed their homeland.

The Army authorities completed investigation of their cases in mid-January. Now the French M.P.s risk penalties ranging to death under Article 80 of the Penal Code.

Whether their fate is the firing squad—or something less—depends on the gravity of the offence each man may face.

Communism has been a crime in France since September 26, 1939. The Daladier Government, on that date, decreed the dissolution of the Communist Party in France in reprisal for Russia's non-aggression pact with Germany.—A.P.

## GAS DRILL FOR HORSES



Gas masks for horses are now being supplied by Our Dumb Friends League.

## MAGISTRATES UPHOLD MR. METCALFE

From Our Own Correspondent

Cambridge, Saturday.

CAMBRIDGE magistrates today granted a separation and maintenance order in the case which Mr. Metcalfe, the Old-st. magistrate, refused to re-hear.

Mr. Metcalfe awarded Mrs. Kathleen Hulls, of King-st., Cambridge, 20s. a week maintenance and 10s. for the child.

An appeal was entered and the Divisional Court sent the case to Cambridge when Mr. Metcalfe refused to re-hear it.

Giving the magistrates' decision today Mr. H. E. F. Pateman said they were satisfied the conduct of the husband, Henry Arthur Mills, of Milford-st., Cambridge, caused his wife to leave home.

The magistrates found that the husband had neglected to maintain her. They made a separation order, the husband to pay 20s. a week for the wife and 5s. a week for the child.

# Germans Think War Will End This Year Allies To Win On "Technical K.O."

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE HITLER'S THREATS OF A BLITZKRIEG IN THE SPRING, THE GERMAN "MAN IN THE STREET" IS CONVINCED THAT THE WAR WILL END THIS YEAR WITHOUT ANY MAJOR OFFENSIVE OR REAL FIGHTING.

Four out of five of them are sure that Hitler will never risk his Army in a trial of strength, and the opinion is steadily growing that Britain and France will "wangle" a technical victory before Christmas.

These facts were given to me by an English business man who returned to London last week after being in Norway since the outbreak of war.

In Bergen, Oslo and other cities he met many Germans, most of them on business trips to Scandinavia.

He found no hatred towards the British. Again and again a German with whom he got into conversation would say: "I know lots of Englishmen. They are all decent fellows."

U.S. BLAMED

"It is the Americans who are behind the war," one man said to him. "They want us to go to war to fill their pockets. If only we were strong enough to fight them."

The Summer Welles mission they openly sneered at. "It is come to find out which side makes the best offer so that Roosevelt will know who to back," they said.

The Germans he met included ex-army officers, wealthy and influential business men and Nazi officials, but not one of them seemed to think that Germany could hope to win the war.

One officer who fought through the last war said he was prepared to see

Germany take a heavy and decisive defeat in the field.

"No one of real intelligence has any illusions about the German Army," he told the Englishman. "It is good, yes, but we all know that the French Army is the finest in the world and that you possess the finest Navy."

They even have doubts about their Air Force. They are firmly convinced that Britain has at least double the number of fighting and bombing planes that she is supposed to have, and that this is why Hitler refuses to strike first.

"Whatever figure we hear from England we multiply by two," my informant was told. "If you say you have 5,000 planes we know you have at least 10,000, for you English are masters of under-estimation and you know its value. We only wish that Hitler had learned the value of that trick."

Yet, in spite of this almost general pessimism, they still believe in the destiny of the German nation.

"You may beat us on land and sea and in the air," said one Berliner, "but we shall consolidate our position just as we did in 1919, only this time we shall do it much more effectively, for by the time this war is over we shall have won the sympathy of the world."

Without exception they spoke of Hitler in the terms of warmest admiration. They maintain that he has worked wonders for Germany and that the nation could not have found a finer leader.

On the other hand, Ribbentrop and Goebbels are universally unpopular.

Our laetist raids leave the German public unimpressed.

## SECRET WEAPON

"You wouldn't believe anything you read on pamphlets we dropped over London, so why do you imagine we believe those your airmen bring?" is how they sum it up.

One German who spoke English with a perfect Oxford accent chaffed the Englishman about Hitler's "secret weapon."

"Has he really got a secret weapon?" the Englishman asked.

"Of course he has," the German replied. "And he will have you on toast with it before very long."

"Do you know what it is?" he was asked.

"Yes," he answered. "It is really quite simple. Hitler is the master psychologist of all time. These waiting tactics he is employing are his secret weapon. He will wear you down until you make some fatal mistake. If we win it will be by some clever trick, not by any sort of major offensive."

There are others, however, who believe what Goering said in an interview with a German military journal some weeks ago, when he prophesied that the war would be decided by a mass air battle with thousands of planes taking part over the North Sea.

## A WINNING HORSE



Nita Croft, who has a leading role in the new Prince Littler production "White Horse Inn," which will be revived for a twice-daily run at the London Coliseum on Wednesday.

## BOY HERO FROZE TO THE ICE

From Our Own Correspondent

Burtersett, Saturday.

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD boy whose chin and hands froze to the ice when he made a brave attempt to save a drowning girl playmate, was honoured by the people of his village today.

They gave Miles Edwin Calvert, of Burtersett, Yorks, £15 worth of War Savings Certificates and new clothing to replace his own that was frozen so hard that it had to be cut off him.

For 25 minutes he was in the icy waters of the River Ure on January 13 while other children fetched help, and he held up the girl, Evelyn Walker, aged eleven, as long as he could.

"You are a very brave boy and a marvel of endurance," he was told by Mr. R. Allen, the chairman at the presentation.

Calvert has been recommended to the Royal Humane Society and the Carnegie Trust for recognition of his bravery.

## THE NELSON TOUCH IN PRIZE-MONEY

It is estimated that after this war the prize money to be distributed among the personnel of the British Navy will exceed the amount gained after 1914-18, when £20,000,000 was divided between naval officers and men.

The highest figure in prize money ever paid to any individual or next-of-kin was £18,517 13s. 6d., to Lord Nelson after the battle of Trafalgar.

Interesting revelations on the subject of prize money are contained in No. 1 of "Modern World," out next Wednesday.

## B.B.C. FINNISH NEWS

The B.B.C. announces that a 15-minute news bulletin in Finnish will be broadcast daily, starting on Monday at 7.15 p.m. B.S.T.

# Giant Crossword Offer £2,500 MUST BE WON

"HAPPY EASTER!" SOON WE'LL HEAR ON ALL SIDES THE DEAR, FAMILIAR WISH: AND TODAY "THE PEOPLE" OFFERS YOU A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE COMING EASTER THE HAPPIEST EVER.

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The first prize is £2,000; 1st runners-up share £250, and second runners-up share goods to the value of £250.

It's an "Easter Egg" which would bring happiness to anyone. And there's no reason why you shouldn't "bag" it. (Details are in Page Twelve.)

Why shouldn't you, for instance, follow the example set by Mr. W. Berry, of Surbiton, Surrey, who has won a third share of the £2,500 offered in connection with Crossword No. 191?

Indeed, you could "cash in" on a sum five times as large as that which he has won.

The black-out and petrol rationing kept Mr. Berry and his family indoors, and they occupied their leisure in doing "The People" Crossword.

## MONEY FOR FUN

Now he proposes to invest, with a nice slice of his £400 prize, in Britain's "Victory Loan."

"Sunday is Crossword day in our family," Mr. Berry, a chemist, said.

"As soon as 'The People' is delivered, one of us grabs it, and in the evening we all have a conference to decide on the best answers."

"It's great fun, and lovely to think that now we're being paid for it."

Mr. Berry pays tribute to "The Competitor's World," the free booklet which gives Crossword fans an insight into the minds of the adjudicators of the contest.

"This Sunday we're going all out for a Crossword 'double,'" he chuckled.

A copy of "The Competitor's World" will be sent to you if you write to the Competition Department, 6, La Belle Sauvage, London, E.C.4.

When applying, if you enclose a 6d. postal order (crossed) & Co., and made payable to Odhams Press Ltd., for postage only, a copy will be forwarded to you weekly for 12 weeks.

Ask at the same time for particulars of "The People" Entry Voucher Service—a service which will save you time and money.

## CROSSWORD No. 191

[In connection with Crossword No. 191, the Adjudication Committee decided that the senders of the most meritorious sets of answers on one square were the following three competitors, who submitted

## "THE PEOPLE'S" CROSSWORD No. 191

The most meritorious answers used by competitors decided according to aptness and accuracy by the Adjudication Committee were those shown in the square on right.

Extracts from the reasons for Committee's findings in Crossword No. 191 form the subject of a helpful feature for would-be winners in this week's "The Competitor's World."

This free publication may be obtained on application. Send 6d. P.O. (made payable to Odhams Press Ltd.) and crossed & Co. to cover postage for the next twelve issues. Address your envelope: "The People" Competition Department, 6, La Belle Sauvage, Ludgate Circus, London, E.C.4.

squares differing at one point only from the Committee's decision (see below).  
Mr. W. Berry, 21, Lovelace-rd., Surbiton, Surrey.  
Mrs. A. Geary, 3, Danesbury-ave., Southbourne, Bournemouth.  
Mrs. W. Hall, 100, Fregoniassey-rd., St. Austell, Cornwall.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, these competitors share the £2,500 first prize and will each receive a cheque for £416 13s. 4d.

Any other entrant who believes that he, or she, submitted a square eligible for a share of this prize must demand a scrutiny by not later than first post Wednesday, March 20, sending £1 scrutiny fee, copy of all squares submitted, and postal order number envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny," and addressed to the Competition Manager, "The People," 6, La Belle Sauvage, Ludgate Circus, London, E.C.4.

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the runners-up prizes.

First Runners-up—75 competitors, from whom we received squares inferior in merit by reason of only two less apt and accurate answers compared with the best squares received, will share equally the second runners-up prize of goods to the value of £50.

All runners-up prize-winners will be notified, and second runners-up will also be advised the prizes they will receive.

"SPORTING LIFE" WEEKLY REAPPEARS

The "Sporting Life" Weekly Edition will be on sale again on March 23 in time for the opening of the flat-racing season. It will contain complete programmes for Easter week racing under Jockey Club, National Hunt and Pony Club Rules.

"Noted in the Ring," by S. P. Expert, Form Horses by "Solon," System Statistics, Football Notes and Selections and Greyhound Racing on London Tracks, are other features of value to every sportsman who is speculatively inclined.

Make sure of your copy by placing a standing order with your newsagent. Price twopenny, as usual.

## SELMA LAGERLOFF

Stockholm, Saturday.

Selma Lagerloff, the famous Swedish authoress, died early this morning. She was eighty-one.—B.U.P.



## 1½ HOURS' LESS WORK

OTHER women have proved it already—you can prove for yourself that there's no need now to boil clothes!

You can do your whole wash without any boiling or hard rubbing—if you use Rinsol. Even the extra-dirty whites are snowy after a few minutes' soaking in warm Rinsol suds. It sounds too good to be true but you'll see it with your own eyes.

Try it tomorrow! Instead of slaving away hour after hour in a damp, steamy kitchen, you'll get your washing done much earlier. On an average wash (50 pieces) you actually save 1½ hours! And because there's no scrubbing, you're fresh as a daisy when you finish. None of that dreadful exhaustion! You also save fuel—over an hour's fuel every washday!

Clothes last longer

There's another important point. Clothes wear far better when you don't give them that long boiling and hard rubbing. Careful tests prove that this new way of washing makes garments last as much as one-third longer!

So change to Rinsol and this new way of washing. Your whole wash is safe in Rinsol. It will keep your whites snowy, your coloureds brilliant, your woollens soft and fleecy. 34d., 6d., and 1/- (Giant size).

NEW METHOD: Sort out your ordinarily dirty whites and put them into the copper in cool Rinsol suds. Let them soak for about a quarter of an hour while the suds warm up. Take them out and into the same suds put your extra-dirty whites. Simply damp grubby places and smooth in a little dry Rinsol. Now let this second batch soak for about twenty minutes while the suds continue to warm up. In this way you save at least half the fuel you usually burn. When you take the clothes out, the water will be hot—will be dazzling. And the suds can then be used AGAIN for general cleaning.

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## FIVE SAVED WHEN STEAMER BLOWS UP

IT was reported yesterday five members of the crew had been saved by two Dutch steamers from the Scottish steamer Melrose, which sank in the North Sea after an explosion.

The official German news agency claimed that the Melrose was torpedoed.

Captain Johnson, who, says Reuter, was landed at Ostend, said his ship sank very rapidly.

"She was partly submerged before I left the chart room," he said.

Philip Thomson, cook, landed at a South-east port, thought it was his lucky day.

Thomson, who lives at Wilkie-pl., Leith, was in the galley when the explosion occurred.

"I rushed on deck and dived overboard," he said. "Before I had swum 20 yards the Melrose went down."

"Within half an hour I was picked up by a Dutch ship. The crew treated me very kindly as they looked round for other survivors."

The Melrose (1,589 tons) had a crew of 28.



## THE LADY WITH THE LAMP

"WELL, that's old Mrs. Williams fixed up for the day—wish the doctor could persuade her to go into hospital—dear me, there's not much life left in this battery, and it'll be dark by the time I've finished dressing young Joe's fingers up at the sawmill. Mean wheeling the bicycle all the way back, and not a bite of food till long past nine. Dear me, how depressed I'm getting. It's this wartime strain, I suppose, and these irregular meals. But it just won't do. I've got to buck myself up. It's time I went back to Kruschen."

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## "SOMEWHERE TO GO AFTER THE KINEMA"

FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

CAPTAIN R. A. C. RATCLIFFE, OF THE BOYS' CLUB MOVEMENT, FINDS BRITAIN'S NEW ARMY IS COMPOSED OF WELL-BEHAVED, SOBER AND HIGHLY INTELLIGENT MEN.

"The majority find Army life pleasant after the first 48 hours, and the discipline does not worry over-much," he says.

One of the chief troubles of the young soldiers in training camps is that they have nowhere to entertain a girl friend after the cinema.

Capt. Ratcliffe, who has been Welfare Officer at an Infantry Training Centre in the North-West of England since war began, claims to have solved this problem in his area.

"At this particular Centre," he says, "a well run Soldiers' Club which

admits A.T.S. girls if they have a soldier friend with them, has done much to reduce this worry."

Apart from that, the most common worries of the modern soldier are:

Strangeness of being away from home.

Nowhere to go in the evening outside barracks, except to the cinema where they can sit down comfortably and relax.

The size and heaviness of Army boots.

Speaking of the conduct of the young soldiers, Capt. Ratcliffe says:

"Very few drink beer, and those who do, drink very moderately."

## MEN AND MANNERS

"Bad language is not noticeable. The vocabulary has improved greatly. This is particularly noticeable in his choice of adjectives, which are far more varied and less foul and lurid than was the case in the last war."

"Their behaviour towards women and girls is very good. Their sensible good manners both towards the women who serve in our Soldiers' Club, and at their own dances, have been favourably commented on by many people."

"At least 60 per cent. read books regularly. Very few read anything but adventure and crime stories."

"A number have musical talent of some sort, and it is always easy, given a good producer, to get up a variety show."

## "T.U.C. POLICY ON WAR FULLY JUSTIFIED"

From Our Own Correspondent

Durham, Saturday. "SIX months' practical experience in dealing with a variety of war problems has fully justified the unions' war policy," Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said at Durham today.

Without abandoning in the least their position of independence, the trade unions had entered into continuous consultation with Ministers and Government Departments on questions affecting the workers.

These had resulted in definite safeguards against the exploitation of wage earners.

The unions had given their support not to the Government but to the nation, and their efforts had been directed wholly to the development of the nation's resources for successful prosecution of the war. They had established a right to be heard on all questions of war policy.

Sir Walter described the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act as an iniquitous measure. It ought to be wiped from the Statute Book, he said.

## TURKEY'S NEW ARMY CALL-UP

Istanbul, Saturday.

Another step towards calling up all non-commissioned officers in the Istanbul district was taken today, when eleven classes of infantry in the Fatih area were ordered to report for a 45-day training period.

N.C.O.s in other branches of the service have already been called up—Reuter.

## LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS

"FOR ALL THAT IS BEST IN YOU"

By the People's Friend

fashioned according to our ideas of what is right and what is wrong.

There is honour, so they say, even among thieves. The blackest rogue has some principles for which he will take a stand. For without ideals a man is lost.

So cling to yours tightly. Make them your sheet-anchor, holding you fast against life's storms and trials.

At this moment we as a nation, have taken a stand. We have taken up arms prepared to fight to the bitter last if need be for the sake of our ideals, for peace and liberty and all those things we hold most dear.

No true Briton would have his country do less, for these are part of our national heritage, the well and the warp in the tapestry of our tradition.

We went to war reluctantly, but when the time came to take a stand against a cruel and tyrannous aggressor we did not hesitate.

NOR should we when our own individual ideals are assailed. Have the courage to fight for what you believe to be right.

It isn't always easy. There are times, perhaps, when you are with a crowd, when you need all your pluck to keep your grip on your principles—when the temptation is to let go and turn your back upon your convictions.

That's the time to put up your stoutest resistance. Fight that good fight with all your might—you'll never battle for a finer cause. For when you take a stand for your ideals you do so for all that is best in you.

And victory, however hardly won, is well worth the struggle

## These Pals Are Parted Now



## LOOK OUT FOR "CAPTAIN"!

FOR two years Lewis Drakey, of 80, Fine-rd., Cricklewood, N.W., has been crippled by a spinal affliction. For days on end he has had to stay in bed.

His companion and friend through all that time has been his brown and white mongrel dog, Captain. They were inseparable. If Lewis Drakey had to stay in bed, then Captain stayed in bed, too.

And now Captain is lost. He went out for a run just four weeks ago and did not return.

"All our inquiries have failed to trace him," said Lewis Drakey yesterday. "My final hope is that he may have been seen by some reader of 'The People'."

"Captain is three years old, and I have had him since he was six weeks. We had grand times together when I was laid up. He knew every word I spoke."

"Life is lonely and hardly worth living without him."

## Crowds at Butchers

## JOINTS TODAY AS USUAL, THANKS TO HOUSEWIVES

THANKS TO THE CARE AND FORESIGHT OF HOUSEWIVES WHO SAVED UP THEIR MEAT COUPONS, MANY BRITISH FAMILIES ARE TODAY ENJOYING THEIR TRADITIONAL SUNDAY JOINT.

Armed with almost untouched ration books, women descended on butchers' shops yesterday to make their purchases.

"Rushes" were reported at many places. In some London suburbs the demand was so great that housewives had to wait to be served. For those who could afford both the coupons and the cash, there were ample supplies of pork and of joints of lamb.

## NO BACON RATION CUT

Yesterday, however, was by no means a day of rejoicing for small families. There were many complaints of insufficient home-fed and imported beef, and, although pork was plentiful, smaller households had to rule out anything much larger than chops.

One butcher said: "The difficulty is that those with large families who have the coupons are so often without the means with which to buy big joints. On the other hand, people with small families, who can afford joints, and who would normally buy them, are without the coupons."

"If the rations for smaller families were increased," he added, "there would be some sense in it."

An official of the Ministry of Food yesterday denied a rumour that there was a possibility of the bacon ration being reduced to its original 4 oz. "The ration is 8 oz.," he declared, "and no reductions are contemplated."

## HOARE ANNOYS FARMERS

A BROADCAST address on agricultural topics by Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, was pungently criticised by a Somerset farmer yesterday as "weak, slippery tripe."

The farmer, Mr. S. G. Amor, of Wincanton, was speaking at a Taunton meeting of the Somerset Executive of the Farmers' Union.

"Such soft soap twaddle," he said, "may be all right for children, but for hard-bitten farmers who have been out in the fields perhaps for twelve hours to come home and hear such weak, slippery tripe as fell from the lips of a co-ordinating Minister for Agriculture in the War Cabinet is disgusting."

There were cries of "Hear, hear," and one man interjected: "So disgusting I shut him off."

## BABY KILLED BY LORRY

Luton, Saturday.

When a lorry mounted the pavement in a busy Luton street today, a 2½-year-old child, left in a pram for a few moments, was killed.

The child was Sheila Joan Chandler, of Dunstable-rd., Luton, whose mother had left her while collecting some articles from a house.

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## PUBLIC OPINION

A human record of how people are feeling the strain of war

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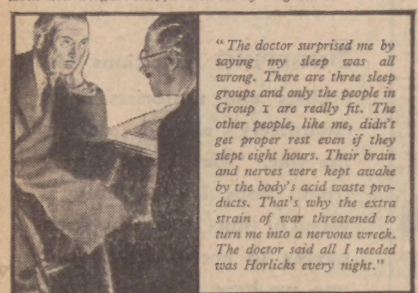
"One bitter cold night when I came off duty very late, my wife said something that had been in my mind ever since war started: 'It's the civilian's war as much as the soldier's this time.'"

"The fact is that I was getting double my share of black-out and bad weather. My regular work takes me out of doors a lot and I had volunteered for A.R.P. work as well."

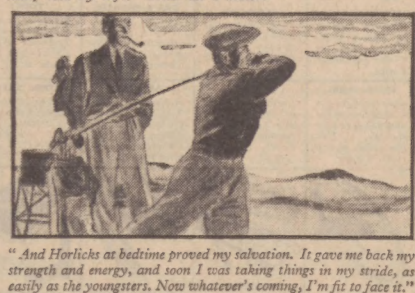


"All sorts of extra worries cropped up. I hated leaving my wife so much alone, though she said it was all right. My nerves went to bits. Even after a night's sleep, I could hardly drag about."

"I might have let things slide if I hadn't noticed that older men were standing the strain very much better. 'It can't be old age, then,' said my wife. 'Better see a doctor.'"



"The doctor surprised me by saying my sleep was all wrong. There are three sleep groups and only the people in Group 1 are really fit. The other people, like me, didn't get proper rest even if they slept eight hours. Their brain and nerves were kept awake by the body's acid waste products. That's why the extra strain of war threatened to turn me into a nervous wreck. The doctor said all I needed was Horlicks every night."



"And Horlicks at bedtime proved my salvation. It gave me back my strength and energy, and soon I was taking things in my stride, as easily as the youngsters. Now whatever's coming, I'm fit to face it."

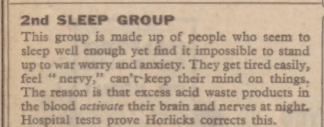
## There are 3 Sleep Groups

## WHICH DO YOU BELONG TO?



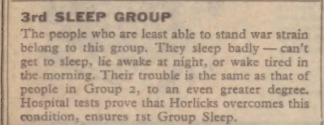
## 1st SLEEP GROUP

The people who are best fortified to stand war strain belong to this group. Their sleep is the kind that restores body, nerves and brain completely. They may spend only 5 or 6 hours in bed and yet are never handicapped by "nerves" or tiredness. Theirs is the thoroughly refreshing 1st Group Sleep that everyone should have and that Horlicks gives.



## 2nd SLEEP GROUP

This group is made up of people who seem to sleep well enough yet find it impossible to stand up to war worry and anxiety. They get tired easily, feel "nervy" can't keep their mind on things. The reason is that excess acid waste products in the blood activate their brain and nerves at night. Hospital tests prove Horlicks corrects this.



## 3rd SLEEP GROUP

The people who are least able to stand war strain belong to this group. They sleep badly—can't get to sleep, lie awake at night, or wake tired in the morning. Their trouble is the same as that of people in Group 2, to an even greater degree. Hospital tests prove that Horlicks overcomes this condition, ensures 1st Group Sleep.

HOW are you taking the war? It's a curious fact that some people suffer much more than others from war strain. Even though they sleep 8 or 9 hours every night they feel depressed, "nervy," tired, unable to throw off war worry.

Scientists explain it by pointing out that a great many people belong to the wrong sleep group. We are all classified into 3 levels or groups of sleep.

Those who belong to the 1st Sleep Group get perfect rest for their brain and nerves even from a short night's sleep. They find they can stand up splendidly to war worry and anxiety.

But the trouble with people in the 2nd and 3rd Sleep Groups is that their brain and nerves are kept active all night by the body's excess acid waste products which accumulate in the blood.

Scientists searched for a food or drink that would neutralize these excess acid waste products. Horlicks alone proved completely successful. Taken at bedtime, Horlicks gives body, nerves and brain complete repose, and ensures 1st Group Sleep every night.

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## AS Hammen Suffer SEE IT

THE NEXT MONTH MAY WELL PROVE THE MOST INTERESTING, IF NOT THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE WAR. FOR IN THAT TIME, "WHAT WILL RUSSIA DO?" WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DECIDED. WILL SHE MOVE SOUTH? WILL SHE THREATEN INDIA OR AFGHANISTAN?

I think she will merely gloat over her swag, pinched from under Germany's nose.

THE usual gloom descended on certain quarters of Britain, especially London, when news came that Finland had been forced to surrender key positions to the Russians—15,000 square miles in all—as the price of peace.

Yet Finland still has her Army intact. She remains an independent nation, with her own democracy. Stalin has not been able to enforce on the Finns his dummy Bolshevik government. Finland is still free, after showing an example to the world.

Besides, what is the result? Germany has gained nothing. Tricked

by Russia, so far as Rumanian oil is concerned, she now finds Russia master of the Baltic, a rival power.

Although loud cheers went across Germany when Finland gave in, Goering and Von Ribbentrop knew, if not one else did, that there was nothing to shout about.

## We Were Well

## Out Of It

BRITAIN and France, because Finland refused their help when Norway and Sweden would not allow Allied troops to cross their soil, have been saved the most difficult of all adventures—fighting on someone else's land, far away from a base, and defending a long frontier, to which supplies could be got only with difficulty.

I do not believe that there is any pact between Germany and Russia under which Stalin will do more than supply goods for cash.

If Russia, in the next few weeks, shows she has more in her mind than that, things may look serious.

But, as I see it, Stalin, taking advantage of Germany's plight, has grabbed all he wanted—Russia's old part of Poland and bases in Finland that will keep Germany off Sweden and her iron and copper.

WHITEHALL and the dug-outs in which old colonels gather were wildly combative in viewpoints last week.

A friend of mine who walked into one club found it disconsolate, until he put his view. This was that, because Finland had refused our help, we had been saved a minor disaster, and that Stalin was now master of the Baltic in place of Hitler, whose Kiel Canal we could bomb out of existence in an hour.

There is still talk, in certain places, of a negotiated peace. Goering, they say, is sick of the war. Indeed, he never wanted to start it.

Yet our Government, I am assured, is resolute. Chamberlain and Hoare both tried to keep out, but, once it started, they became adamant.

Then the trade unions will insist on guarantees with which, I am sure, Goering could not agree, even if Hitler went.

"Assassination"  
A Secret Dread

THE assassination of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the narrow escape of three other Anglo-Indians, including the Under-Secretary, makes you recall how the "Special Branch," as they call it, are always on tenterhooks.

You never know. . . . One madman, one crank, may shoot at any time. . . . I met, yesterday, someone who, for years, was the man personally responsible for the safety of the King and Queen all the Cabinet, and visiting Royalties.

He told me that he lived in constant dread. Things were very difficult, in his time.

I had three different addresses," he said, "and I never slept in the same bed two nights running. I always went home a different way. Outwardly, I looked calm enough; but, inside, it was dreadful."

This man had to say, for instance, whether or not people should be allowed in the gallery when the King opened Parliament.

"If I had said 'No,' I should have been attacked," he told me. "If I had said 'Yes,' well, one madman might do something."

People accept the lives of prominent folk here, in our calm democracy, as being safe. We officials were never afraid of the public. But there was always the chance of a stray lunatic."

Charity Matinees  
That Tire You

I MET at the Palace Theatre, during the Red Cross matinee, a man whose business it is to accompany the King and Queen everywhere.

He surprised me by saying that, although he had attended every big charity matinee for years, he had never enjoyed one.

Yet, after all, when you come to think of it, this is quite natural.

Times the performances are hurriedly improvised with few rehearsal.

## AMUSEMENT GUIDE

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ALDWYCH (Th. 6041). 8.30. W. S. 2.30.  
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APOLLO, Ger. 2683. 8.15. ex. Mon. W. Th. 8.30.  
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COVENTRY, C. X. 7.10. 1.10. Wed. Next 7.45.  
"Vivvy" (Th. 6041). 8.30. 2.30. 2.30. 2.30.  
CLORE, Ger. 1992. 8.30. Wed. Sat. 2.30. 2.30.  
"Enigma" Williams' Play "THE LIGHT OF HEART."  
PALACE, Ger. 694. 8.15. 2.30. Wed. Sat. 2.30.  
"Enigma" Williams' Play "THE LIGHT OF HEART."  
JACK HUBBERT & CICELY COURTNEIDGE in  
"UNDER THE SKY" (Th. 6041). 8.30. 2.30. 2.30. 2.30.



VIVIEN LEIGH

Sometimes they drag on for hours.

You see rushed on the stage, one after the other, a long series of acts or plays or excerpts from successes, not one of which, because atmosphere cannot be built up in the time, gets over.

People go to stare at "celebrities," not to enjoy a show.

Some of the artists, because Royalty is there, become nervous or unnatural. Some merely try and show off. Some are scared.

Then usually, at the end, well-known players appear all together in a specially written scene that has little or no merit, and this is a tame anti-climax.

In order to crowd on all the stars possible, George Robey appeared as Pals-staff for about a minute and a half. Leslie Banks had no longer in which to feel himself as Sir Peter Teazle.

One after another they came on, Fay Compton as Mary Ross, Ralph Richardson as Henry V., Robert Donat as Mr. Chips, and all had to walk off, one after the other the same way, looking either nervous about their exit or apparently glad it was over.

No one was as pleased as I was. Perhaps the best programme of this kind arranged in recent years was the Irving centenary matinee. Then Edward Knoblock conceived an admirable way of giving various actors a chance to appear in Irving's best-known parts.

The Theatre's  
Real Big Night

"WHAT was the most important date in the history of the English theatre?" asked James Agate, the other day, answering with the date, May 27, 1893.

People wondered what he meant. I thought perhaps he was joking, using a date to make people talk.

No, he meant the first night of "The Second Mrs. Tangueray."

Although I should think the first night of "Hamlet" was more important, or the day on which a monk first acted "Everyman," "The Second Mrs. Tangueray" marked a new era.

Pinero, having read Ibsen, commercialised and made marketable on a large scale the play of ideas, sociology, dramatised the problem play.

That killed the cup-and-saucer comedy, the machine-made French farce, and all the sort of thing.

There followed years of brilliance, now ended for a time in the English theatre. The present standard is low.

We have no Galsworthy, no Barrie, no Henry Arthur Jones, no Pinero, no St. John Hankin, no Haddon Chambers. . . . I could continue the list.

Shaw is an exploded firework. In the world of drama there is not even a Cecil Raleigh.

And where are the composers to rank with Lionel Monckton, Ivan Caryll, Paul Rubens, Sidney Jones, Frederick Norton, Howard Talbot, Harold Fraser-Simson and Leslie Stuart? There were others—and all composing at the same time!

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NOW that Vivien Leigh is on top of the world, I recall how, three years ago, Lew Leslie, whenever I met

him, said about her. No, they had never met.

"She could do marvels in Hollywood," he declared, time after time. "If she only had a great part, under a great director."

It became a joke with me.

"How's Vivien doing today?" I used to ask.

Well, now she has won the Academy award for her acting in "Gone With the Wind," which is the rage of America, and which is to be shown here—in three London buildings at the same time!

## Walt Disney

## Does It Again

"PINOCCHIO" cannot, of course, stagger us, as did "Snow White." Films cannot go on, piling up sensation on sensation, beating themselves every time.

But it is cleverer than was Disney's first full-length film. Its drawing is better. It has stereoscopic effects. Only in the music is it inferior, for it has no tune that will sweep the country.

Figaro, a cat, and Cloe, a gold-fish with Mae West eyes, are my favourites among a dozen characters that are drawn with amazing skill and delightful humour.

Disney is the greatest genius of the screen.

A puppet comes to life and is given a conscience—a cricket! But he will not listen.

He becomes a naughty boy, and only just escapes being turned into a donkey, like all the rest of the bad ones, as a punishment. I hope this part will not frighten the grown-ups. Kids love horrors.

"Pinocchio" is the film of the year.

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# Exploits of an Anti-Hitler ★ Secret Service Ace

**A**FTER our adventures in Dresden, as recounted last week, most of us returned, for a time, to "hide-aways" in the Rieseng-birge Mountains. This district and the surrounding Sudetenland is a place of high hills, ranking after the Alps as the second highest mountains of Central Europe.

Magnificent forests of oak and pine cover the hillsides; in the deep, silent valleys are blue lakes.

Much of the country there is unknown and uncombable—a perfect headquarters for outlaws such as we had become.

The place is full of legends. Innumerable great battles have been fought here, between Bohemians and Germans; not far away is what is known as the "Thermopylae of Bohemia"; the day is coming when another pitched battle for freedom will have to be fought there against the Germans.

Meanwhile, political secret societies keep the embers of liberty glowing beneath the invader's heel.

Among the scattered villages of the Giant Mountains, we gained a fantastic reputation. These people are illiterate and credulous. They have always treasured up legends about the return of John Huss, a former national hero like your King Arthur.

The Mountains themselves owe their name to a legend of a humorous Giant. It is this giant's fancy to make himself into a tumble, put himself inside the pack of a tired traveller, and then increase to his own colossal size and weight. He plays all sorts of pranks.

It was to our benefit to let many of our deeds be credited to the Giant, so that the peasants there grew to believe that he was angry with the Germans. Then they helped us.

We pinned rude notices on the Police Stations, sandbagged police from behind and removed their clothes, leaving them to walk naked into the nearest village and explain their plight to the delighted old crones; tore down all German notices; waylaid Nazi officials and ducked them in manure-heaps; and, in

fact, did everything we could think of to undermine German authority.

Whenever possible we kept out of sight; and the tales of the Giant's activities grew monstrous. The Germans and the Sudeten Nazi leaders knew quite well what was happening; but the villagers were terrified and superstitious, and soon began to obstruct German orders for fear of the Giant turning his pranks on to them.

These things sound pranks; but they had a more serious motive. We had to

A FORMER PRAGUE SCHOOLMASTER, WHO LATER BECAME ACE SECRET SERVICE MAN OF THE MOST POWERFUL ANTI-HITLER ORGANISATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HANS SCHRODER TELLS THIS WEEK OF HOW HE AND HIS COMRADES ORGANISED WHOLE-SALE SABOTAGE IN THE SUDETENLAND. THE WRECK OF A GERMAN MUNITIONS TRAIN WAS ONE OF THEIR MOST DANGEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL COUPS, AND HERE IS THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW IT WAS DONE, NOW REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME.



By **HANS SCHRODER**

## PAIN AFTER MEALS

By Dr. F. B. Scott, M.D., Paris

Of all the aches and pain which patients come and tell me about, stomach pain after meals is probably the most common. "I get such stabbing, gripping pains after meals," they say, or "my meals give me such a horrible full-up feeling."

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## Flaring Torch

**A**ND then I saw the figure of a man run out of the trees on the other side of the track, carrying a torch.

Most of the wagons had left the track; many had turned over, and others were telescoped; but at the extreme rear was a coach with soldiers and machine-guns; and as our man raced against the fallen ruins, I heard two guns chatter-chattering.

He staggered, leaned on a broken wagon, fired his automatic straight in front of him in a steady stream right into the piled shells, and then fell on his face among them, with his torch still flaring.

After that, a thing happened that I have no proper words to describe. Sounding like a thousand batteries of 16-in. guns all firing simultaneously, or like the solid earth cracking, the shells

exploded in enchainé volleys and mighty cataclysms of sound.

Huge volcanoes of debris poured slowly into the sky, which was shot with sparks, rocketing flames, blazing woodwork and lumps of iron.

We dropped or were blown to the earth; we were stunned and our ears and heads burst with the noise. When it was over, we got up like drunken men, with soil on our faces, our heads rolling and limbs shambling.

And the first thing we heard was a revolver-shot from where the end of the train had been; and a man a few feet from me pitched forward on his face, shot through the shoulder. Some of the German guards were still alive and dead.

We could have left them, but we were all intoxicated by the success of our wreck, and we surged down through the trees in the still spark-fung darkness, straight at them.

Some of our men ran along the wrecked train skirting craters and masses of burning lumber, to attend to any other Germans still alive. We meant to leave no one to tell the tale.

I heard one shot and then another. Then with three other men I shambled off through the trees. We had to put many kilos between ourselves and the wreck before alarmed guards from the nearest blockhouses along the track made their way to the spot.

We lost six men in that affair, shot by Germans or killed by flying wreckage. The name of the man who gave his life to fire the explosives was John Kolar.

The Germans lost three railway engines (they are very short of rolling-stock), innumerable powder wagons and special heavy gun trucks, thousands of rounds of heavy ammunition, and four great guns intended for the Siegfried Line.

They must also have lost between 20 and 30 soldiers who were guarding the train, and suffered the inconvenience of having to clear up the mess and repair that vital line before they could get more stuff through from Pizen.

I shall never forget that explosion, or series of explosions, with great sections of coaches flying through the red skies, that awful din, and the burning ruins, afterwards, crackling like the laughter of the Giant of the Czech mountains.

# DIGGING FOR VICTORY

## Baron de Beef at Rumpleby Magna

### DESCRIBES LOCAL EFFORT AS 'THIN END OF THE VEG'

From Our Special Correspondent

**T**HE Rumpleby Magna Allotments Society was inaugurated yesterday by the Baron de Beef, who was accompanied by Miss Di Gester. Local members of the Mustard Club were there in full force to welcome their President and Secretary. They carried banners tastefully inscribed with the slogans "Dig For Victory, and don't forget the Mustard Pot" and "With Mustard there's Allotment to Digestion."

After the Rumpleby Songsters had rendered "The Food Companions" with great feeling, the chairman, Mr. "Happy" Tite, introduced the Baron, who mounted upon a wheelbarrow to address the gathering. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I am delighted to see the growing interest in horticulture shown by the forming of this—shall I say—cromptinistia Society. (Laughter.) In these strenuous days, when we are all trying to make ends meet, there are fewer chops and changes. To save our bacon, we must take joint action to preserve our food supply. But we must play our cards skilfully. Spades are trumps in this game, and everyone is expected to take a hand so that we can call abundance. (Renewed cheers.) My wish for your Society is that it will always exceed the spud limit. Remember, the quality of murphy is not strained! There is nothing infra dig about working an allotment, where you can always be on pie-are bent. And what could be better than a plentiful supply of your own fresh vegetables to help out the meat ration—and, of course, a plentiful supply of Mustard to help out the digestive juices? (A voice: 'Business as usual, sir!') Aye, but not bismuth as usual! (Loud laughter.) Never say diet, that's my motto, and as long as you eat Mustard, you'll never have to. So, ladies and gentlemen, spare the rod, and spoil the allotment—and more power to your elbow!"



The Baron turns the first sod "topsy-turvy"

When the uproarious applause had subsided, the Rumpleby Songsters struck up a rousing chorus of "Roll Out the Barrow," and willing hands pushed the



Baron—"the wheel-Baron," as he laughingly described himself—to the edge of the allotment. Here he got down—and got down to business. Taking a spade handed to him by the chairman, he thrust it into the ground and ceremoniously turned the first sod. In his own words, he turned it "topsy-turvy."

The chairman then brought the proceedings to a close by proposing a vote of thanks to the Baron de Beef. "And also," he concluded, "to the Mustard Club, which has most generously donated to our Society in perpetuity a sufficient ration of Colman's Mustard to ensure every member freedom from digestive ills, and to enable us to dig healthily for victory."

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## Dangerous Speed

**W**ITH new supplies of money, obtained by my cousin Fritz from a sympathiser, we established touch, through trusted men, with Czech technicians in the Skoda Works. The Germans had to keep a close watch there because they were the only men who completely understood the complicated machinery.

And there are thousands of Czech workmen.

These men made a slogan—"An accident a day will take the nearest English equivalent. They had their accident a day as long as we paid for it.

It was easy for them, because Hitler ordered greatly increased output; many of the machines were old when he came, and these old machines break down, blow up immediately too great a speed is called for from them.

The output now demanded calls for dangerous speed. It is only a question of putting forward the breakdown a little, and arranging it without loss of life instead of waiting until it comes by accident.

However, Skoda manages to turn out a lot more guns and munitions, even counting the "accidents," than loyal Czechs like to see.

So one day Fritz received an order to wreck a huge munition train that was to rumble towards the Western Front with some new guns.

The route was Pizen, Cheb, Nurnberg and on through Germany. Our task was to select a spot in the mountains, tear up the line between the passing of a passenger train and the coming of the guarded munition train, deal with the pilot engine that would precede our quarry, and then blow the train sky-high.

## A Gloomy Valley

**T**HE munition train would be heavily guarded by German machine-gun and grenade sections.

Fritz got to work planning out our attack.

First, we intensified our campaign of "Giantism" in the hills near Cheb, which we selected as the only possible place to stage the wreck. Having inspired the villages there with the idea that the spirit of the mountains was anti-Hitler as we were, and that he played his tricks on anyone of opposite opinions, or anyone at all who ventured out after dark, we systematically moved further away northwards.

Gestapo agents and local police concentrations followed us, with the result that when the day for the wreck dawned, the attention of the authorities was concentrated many kilos distant.

We timed the attack with rumours of a big coup near Most, in the Erzgebirge Mountains, and then travelled swiftly back to our selected point near Cheb where about twenty picked men from the White Cross Society had assembled.

The railroad there runs through a deep valley, narrow and gloomy, and thickly covered with trees and bushes.

Since the German occupation, they have established military blockhouses every few miles along this railroad, which is to them a lifeline for it conveys the great guns and swelling tide of munitions from Czechoslovakia to the battlefield on the Western Front.

All trains from Skoda are heavily guarded; but, because of the nature of the country, it has not been practicable to maintain steady connection between the blockhouses in the forests.

It was early evening when our men had finally gathered in the valley, and down there in that crack of the hills the light had gone.

Presently, someone said:—"Listen! There comes the mail-train."

Far away, we heard a faint whisper; it grew to a mutter and a rumble, and presently the whole valley shook and growled as the darkened mail-train thundered by beneath us, its funnel emitting a dull red glow from beneath the broad cowl fitted over it to hide it from above.

Instantly, each man jumped to his task. We had only minutes before the munition train's pilot-engine would come nosing along through the night to see that the way was clear for the load two minutes behind it.

A Czech army engineer who deserted, like scores of other officers, when Hitler's lot marched in was in charge.

My job, with many others, was to cut down slender trees, strip them of tops and branches, and roll them down across the line.

We had marked a grove of suitable trunks, with a clear way down to the line, and we set to work like men possessed, showers of white chips flying over us.

Others started to dig out little holes under sections of rail, filling the gaps with gunpowder, closing them in, and touching them off.

## As Active As Ants

**B**EFORE our first tree was down, we heard small, dull explosions from below—one, two, three, four. They had cut out about ten metres of rail, severing each line in two places.

Crash! Our first tree was down, and before one could turn round, down came another, on which a second group were working falling awkwardly in the hurry, so that we had to jump out of the way in the darkness.

No one was hurt; a third tree came down; and we jumped at the branches, ripping and lopping them away so that the trunks would roll.

Ten minutes had gone. Down below, men working like ants were ripping the severed sections of lines off the sleepers, with crowbars and picks. Beside us, one tree was already smashing downwards on its way; then another and another.

A warning whistle! That meant the pilot-engine had been heard. With breath screeching through our lips, arms and backs breaking, and bruised and bleeding from endless small knocks in the dark, we shoved and levered those trunks across the place where the line had been torn up. If lay there, too, adding to the obstacle.

The pilot-engine came on, badly lit, trundling through the forest at a good speed. We jumped back—and instantly, as it seemed, the oncoming engine bumped, flung itself broadside on, and turned over.

There was a silent rush like the attack of wolves—someone screamed. I learned later that it was one of our men scalded in turning off the steam, and the driver and his mate were knifed, though it is probable both had already been killed by the crash.

It was too dark to see and too late to take chances.

## Hell Let Loose

**T**HE next two or three minutes were the most breathless I ever spent. We crouched there on both sides of the track, the fallen engine a black mass in the Stygian gloom, still steaming gently, like some forest monster bleeding to death.

We timed the guards on the train that was following had heard! They could finish us off in five minutes, with their searchlights and machine-guns. Suppose they saw the overturned engine in their track.

Well, we had gone too far to turn back on it. I heard Fritz whispering below his breath, "The Army Engineer swallowing hard."

Then I heard the distant mutter of a train.

This train was carrying some new guns, and a great load of ammunition for them. It consisted of numbers of special trucks several linked together to carry each gun, and then an endless train of red powder-wagons.

It was coming up. We could see its glow far away to our left. Nearer—nearer. And then—CRASH!

The night filled suddenly with noise indescribable. We saw the double engines pulling the huge load put their heads down and rear! It was like two horses catching their front feet in a



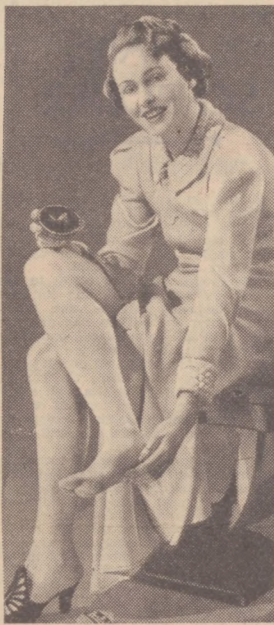
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## Betty Blue's Easter Parade A BOW in her Bonnet

"BOWS and beaux" seemed to be the main topic of conversation at a fashionable dress show I went to the other day. The "beaux" in navy, khaki and Air Force blue; you can guess the girls all thought them marvellous, but the bows on the bonnets and smart Spring hats for the Easter parade caught my wandering fancy.

♦ You can have a smart little sailor and tie it on with a bow at the back. Or you can have a flowery bonnet or soft beret with a jaunty bow of ribbon perched on top.

♦ You can wear a bow over one ear under a Spanish sailor or a big floppy felt with a scarf loosely twisted round, with an artist's bow to finish.

♦ However dull your hat, give it a present this Easter, a gaily coloured bow. Give your shoes, too, a new pair of



leather belt for the time being, and try a yard and a half of bright-coloured ribbon. Make a slot each side of the waist of the dress, slip the ribbon through across the back and tie the ends in a neat bow behind.

♦ This will give you the smooth fit across the front, bringing the fullness to the back. That's the new swing silhouette, you know, and very smart it is.

♦ By the way, if you have made up your mind to wear a really short skirt this Spring, don't have it tight as well. Fullness at the sides or back is absolutely necessary. Black and crocus yellow is the smart town colour theme.

bows in petersham ribbon, you will be surprised how pleasant-looking they will be.

♦ Same with waists to frocks, roll up that suede or

### SISTER SUSIE SAYS—

AT the knitting party last week, the great excitement was elastic thread.

You can buy a spool of this for 3d., and if knitted into the top ribbing of socks or the wrists of gloves will give a close, snug fit and prevent them from going saggy and loose.

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## Household ABC.

ADD a sprinkling of sage or fine tapio to a fruit pie or pudding. It will brighten up the juice and prevent it boiling out.

BREAKFAST suggestions: Bacon and macaroni, bacon and fried bananas, scrambled eggs and tomato, fish cakes, potato omelette fried in bacon fat.

CASSEROLES and fireproof dishes should be used as much as possible. They look attractive on the table, save washing up, and preserve the nutrient and warmth of the food.

DENTAL health. It is not economy to allow your teeth to take care of themselves. See a dentist once a year, brush your teeth twice daily, include fresh fruit such as apples and oranges, in your diet. Use a mouthwash daily, preferably before going to bed.

ENAMEL utensils used in cooking should not be washed in cold water when taken hot from the stove. Fill the dishes with hot water and allow it to cool in them. Cold water tends to make the hot enamel contract and chip.

FRYING rules: Get your food as dry as possible before putting into the fat. Make sure the fat reaches boiling-point before putting in the food, otherwise it will lose its crispness and become soggy and greasy.

GOLDEN syrup has been a great help to me in clearing out the sugar ration. To make a nice cake, I use a large tablespoonful of syrup, breakfast cup of suet, 1½ breakfast cups of self-raising flour, 3 oz. margarine and one teaspoonful vinegar, the latter instead of an egg. A real favourite in our house—Mrs. Barley, 40, Mill Hill-rd., Norwich, Norfolk.

HEADS of sweeping-brushes can be prevented from becoming matted if a coarse comb (keep for this purpose) is run through it thoroughly every morning after all sweeping is done. It only takes a few minutes and keeps the hair soft and fluffy.—Mrs. G. Arnold, 14, Dalgety-st., Edinburgh 7.

INSTEAD of greasing your bun and cake tins, heat them in the oven and put mixture straight into hot tins. They will not stick. Have used this for some time. Saves fat.—Mrs. Deaves, 69, Rosehill-rd., Ipswich, Suffolk.

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MAKE your shoes watertight and soft by giving them a dose of castor oil occasionally. It should be dabbed on the leather and soles and allowed to soak in. NET. Keep a beaded net handy for covering milk jugs, custards, jellies, sauces, etc.

ODDMENTS for your first-aid cupboard. Remember these: Safety-pins—large and small—electric torch, hot-water bottle, pair of scissors.

POTATO water. The water in which potatoes are boiled makes a good solution for removing coffee and tea stains from tablecloths. Soak the stained parts in the potato water for half an hour, then wash out in the usual way.

QUICKLY made bleach? Mix a few drops of glycerine with juice of a lemon and use for a bleach for discoloured neck and hands.

RATIONS will go farther with suitable vegetable mixtures. Baked potatoes go well with boiled onions and Brussels sprouts. Cauliflower and carrots, cooked separately and served together. Potatoes baked in jackets, carrots and parsnips parboiled, then baked with a little margarine until brown. Carrots, swedes and turnips mashed together with a little milk.

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BOBS excited cry that he could see a castle on the bed of the ocean brought Mr. Steele and Captain Mack hurrying to the submarine's "eye." "The lad's right," gasped Mr. Steele. "Hurray! This must be Eburant!" "When do we start exploring Uncle?" asked Betty excitedly.

"At once," was the reply. "Come with me and get your special diving-suits on." Bob and Betty made for the store-room, while Captain Mack switched on the submarine's powerful underwater searchlight. The diving-suits, another of their uncle's inventions, were light and comfortable to

wear, made of a material that was like soft glass. Led by Mr. Steele and the Captain, both with long knives and deadly looking sea-guns in their belts, the party came to the release chamber. One by one the party entered, and, by the touch of a button, were shot gently out of the Silver Fish, landing on their feet on the sea bed.

Everywhere was as light as day in the brilliant beam of the submarine's searchlight. Strange fish darted in and out of the waving weeds.

Soon they were at the gateway of the tall, grim castle, which reminded Bob and Betty of the Tower of London.

Continuing along cobbled paths covered with brightly coloured seaweed, Mr. Steele motioned them to stop. Taking out his waterproof map, he pointed to a spot which appeared to be at the top of a hill.



"What am you arguing about, twins?"

"HE LOST HIS PENNY AND NOW HE SAYS DAY I HAD GOT IT!"

"I DON'T!"

"I ONLY SAID THAT I WISH HE HAD LET ME LOOK FOR IT BY MYSELF!"

It looks as if Eb' has arrived on the scene just in time! "What's all the trouble about?" he shouted. "Yes, he had to shout, 'cos the twins were making such a noise!" He lost his penny," said the first twin, "and now he says I've

got it." "Oh, no, I didn't," answered the other twin. "I only said I wish he had let me look for my missing penny by myself!" The first twin doesn't look very pleased with that answer, does he? There does seem a catch in it!

## In a Stew

By "HOUSEWIFE"

MOST of us, since meat rationing started, have been trying out all sorts of new stews. Varying the flavour with this or that.

One woman I know always puts a handful of coconut with rabbit. Another sweats by nutmeg and mace to zip up an oxtail. What is the secret of your favourite stew? Write the recipe on a postcard and send it to "Housewife," The People, Acro House, Long Acro, London, W.C.2, to arrive not later than Wednesday, March 20. Five shillings will be paid for all recipes published.

Here are last week's prizewinners:—

PARSLEY PIE

L I N E a large enameled soup plate with short crust. On this sprinkle first a generous layer of chopped parsley, then a layer of grated cheese, next a layer of finely chopped onion and finally a layer of sliced tomatoes.

Whisk two eggs well, add a breakfastcupful of milk, season to taste with salt, rose pepper and pour over the layers. Quickly cover the whole with crust and pop into a hot oven. Bake from fifteen to twenty minutes. Serve cold.—Mrs. A. Abraham, 5, Marquis-clos, Wembley, Middlesex.

FAGGOT LOAVES

INGREDIENTS: 8 oz. minced liver (not fat), 2 oz. minced bacon, 3 slices bread, 1 egg, 2 onions (chopped), 2½ tablespoonsful flour, seasoning (herbs if liked).

Beat up the egg with milk and flour to make a batter, add seasoning, liver, bacon, onions, and the bread (first soaked in a little milk). Blend thoroughly. Put into small covered greased tins, stand in a pan of water in a moderate oven for one hour. Turn out carefully and leave until cold.—Mrs. R. Wilkes, 31, Henton-ter, Clifford-st., Newport, I.O.W.

BARLEY FOOL

WASH 1 lb. pearl barley and stone ½ lb. dates and ½ lb. large raisins. Cover with water and stew slowly for 2 hours. Turn into a muslin with 3 gills of milk, a nut of margarine and a little grated nutmeg, and bake until browned on top.

When cold it is a good sandwich filling with brown bread.—Mrs. M. Leach, c/o 5, Cambray-rd., Glyn-sq., N.S. Blackpool, Lancs.

CHEESE AND ONION PASTIES

INGREDIENTS: 6 oz. flour, 3 oz. lard, 1 cold water, 2 oz. cheese 2 onions, salt and pepper.

Make the pastry from the flour, lard and water. Divide it into three. Roll out into rounds. Grate the cheese and then grate the onions very finely on a suet grater. Mix the cheese, onion, salt and pepper thoroughly and divide evenly into three. Put some of the mixture on to each round of pastry, moisten the edges with water, bring the two edges together, press well and flute with the fingers. Bake in a fairly hot oven for 25 minutes. Are very tasty for an outdoor meal.—Mrs. E. Wade, 69, Wendover-rd., Eitham, London, S.E.9.

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(Be sure to see next week's thrilling episode.)

## EASTER PAINTING COMPETITION

Prizes: £1; 15s.; 10s.; 10 Half-crowns

Here's a real surprise for you, children! Eb' has sent himself in the Editor's chair, picked up his pen and is going to arrange a special Easter Competition for your corner this week.

Hullo, boys and girls! This is Eb' calling to all young competitors. I want you specially to draw and colour an Easter egg for Flo'. She loves Easter eggs, and even gets very excited over pictures of them. I know you will give her an extra special treat and draw and colour the most wonderful Easter eggs imaginable. Just ask Mother or Dad for a postcard, then get out your paints or crayons and set to work. Don't forget to put your name and address and age on the postcard, stick a PENNY STAMP on it and send to Easter Painting Competition, Cheery Coons' Corner, 67, Long Acro, London, W.C.2, to reach me not later than Wednesday March 20, 1940.

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# U-BOAT BULLIES!

BY LT.-CMDR.  
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*Lt.-Cmdr. E. Keble Chatterton, famous naval historian, begins today a new series of thrilling sea stories of the Great War. Below he tells for the first time the inside story of a great British bluff that lured the bullies of the U-Boats to their doom.*



Capt.  
KOPHAMEL  
of the U-35,  
one of the  
Kaiser's  
biggest  
bullies.

THE character of a nation changes but little in one generation. Germany by her methods of sea warfare today is repeating the wicked follies of 25 years ago, and eventually she will suffer corresponding punishment.

It was because of her total disregard for innocent human lives that by the autumn of 1915 she landed herself in a serious diplomatic dilemma. On May 7 Schwieger in U-20 torpedoed the Cunard Lusitania, sending more than a thousand people to death. On August 19 Schneider in U-24 sank the White Star Arabis.

Both ships numbered American passengers among the victims, and the United States Government raised so violent a protest that Washington seemed likely to sever relations with Berlin.

Rather than allow this to happen, Germany in September for five months suspended U-boat operations throughout Northern Europe, but sent her most successful crews to the Mediterranean, where shipping could be attacked without risk to American citizens.

Already, the previous May, Otto Hersing in U-21 had reached the Dardanelles from Wilhelmshaven, winning

notoriety by torpedoing one of our battleships; but several months elapsed before he was joined by these five "star turn" Kapitän - lieutenants, who, after traversing the Bay of Biscay and entering the Gibraltar Straits, hoped to begin in the Mediterranean with softer weather and easier visibility the most determined onslaught.

Of this big six Hersing was known as a tough adventurer. Walther Forstmann in U-39 represented the typical Prussian, hard and efficient. Max Valentiner, commanding U-38, rivalled him as a ruthless torpedo expert. Keen-eyed Kophamel of U-35, that heartless bully, Claus Rücker in U-34, together with the weak-mouthed Gansser, who captained U-35, were to make a "dead set" against every kind of Allied vessels.

If British or French battleships and cruisers could be sighted, these were to be sunk forthwith; likewise any sloops, destroyers, steam yachts and trawlers on patrol. But especially to be assailed were troopships, munition steamers, cargo-carriers, which might be met with along the Malta-Port Said trade route,

or off the Sicilian shores, or between the Aegean and Egypt.

Now this autumn, too, the British Admiralty resolved to have five of those so-called "Mystery" or Q-ships based on Malta, but cruising separately along the Mediterranean sea-lanes. Of about 4,000 tons, externally the most normal sort of "tramp" of the "three-island" design, they concealed at least a couple of 4-inch guns with carefully trained naval personnel disguised as a rough crowd of mariners.

This quintette comprised the steamers Margit, Penhalow, Saros, Weribee (alias Wonganella) and Wyandra, which under the name of Baralong had recently added a wonderful chapter to our naval history and driven the Kaiser so frantic with anger that £1,000 reward was waiting for her captain's arrest.

On August 19 she had sunk U-27, and a month later U-41, west of the English Channel. Little did Hersing, Valentiner and company ever suspect that Baralong—of all ships—was roaming the Mediterranean then.

the air the following message from the 5,593 tons s.s. Springwell:—"Torpedoed and sinking by the head. Position Lat. 34.10 N. Long. 23.10 E."

At once Guy set forth at full speed towards the spot which, on the chart, worked out as 20 miles away. Sometimes a merchant vessel was a little wrong in her reckoning, and so it was that day. Presently Weribee sighted on the starboard bow in Lat. 34.12 N. Long. 22.56 E. a steamer obviously in difficulties and down by the head, listing to port, her boats just leaving.

Sure enough this turned out to be Springwell. Coming up amid the boats, Guy hailed the Master and inquired:—"Where's the enemy?"

The naval vessel was flying the Red Ensign, and guns' crews were at their stations hidden but ready. "Sighted her last close alongside us," came the answer. "Half an hour after torpedoing."

Guy was not far certain the German could not be far away. Without stopping engines the former went near the Springwell's stern to read her present draught. Later he would come back and try salvaging, provided she had not sunk more deeply.

"Look out!" Then—5,000 yards from the starboard bow—there burst through the sea's polished surface a great whale-like hull, 210 feet long and 20 feet wide. It was Max Valentiner's U-38, painted that brownish-green which the Austrian Navy used to employ for camouflage. German bluejackets ran to get ready their two deck guns, whose first couple of rounds fell 50 and 20 yards "over," and the third struck Weribee right aft, riddling both of her lifeboats. Valentiner's plan was, by extremely accurate and rapid fire, to knock out the second English ship as he had the first.

But already Guy had sounded "Alarm" stations, and the duel was on, one smart captain matching his wits against the other, and neither conceding a thing. The Briton knew it was useless to attempt the abandon-ship tactics. The only thing to do was to put up a straight fight.

## Nerve-Shaking

The U-boat remained on his beam, distant 4,000 yards, when the Weribee broke out the White Ensign and ten seconds later began action with the 4-inch quickfiring. Then Valentiner received the shock of his life.

"Accused trap ship! Those damnable Englishmen!"

The first few shots had fallen short of the camouflaged "whale," the sixth silenced her gunners, the eighth struck about the conning-tower, so that she heeled towards the Weribee, and at 11.10 a.m., in a cloud of smoke, dived quickly to avoid most certain death. For Guy's men, having got the range exactly and with such advantage of height, could scarce avoid dropping shells in the right spot.

Startled and wounded, U-38 only just cheated doom, wisely not daring to surface. They did not more of the "star turns" learn that Germania could not rule the waves. And one skipper by purest chance watched this short, sharp contest from beginning to end. The master of the S.S. Bakana, which was passing near, simply could not believe his eyes as he saw "an old tramp with a few patches of paint" hurling terror into a tyrant. But nothing could save Springwell, which foundered that afternoon.

In those days the unexpected became almost part of life's routine. On April 4 H.M.S. Wallflower (one of those flower-class small cruisers) during less than half an hour tasted enough excitement to last a long commission.

She was travelling along the track between Malta and Cape Matapan when, without warning, at 11.12 a.m., two periscopes of a submarine momentarily rose on the port beam and then dipped. Out gushed a silver torpedo, and straight it sped. Only by quickly putting helm hard astarboard did Wallflower dodge the missile, which passed 15 yards astern.

They were smart people in that sloop. Lieut.-Commander Guy Livingston, R.N., her captain, went full speed towards the enemy's estimated position and dropped a depth charge. Curiously this bomb did not explode, and Wallflower cruised about the spot in tense wonder.

Next, apparently without any reason, the charge burst at 11.35, sending up a great column of water 20 feet high. Evidently the depth-charge originally fell on to the U-boat's deck while the latter was stationary, but when she moved to

avoid Wallflower, off jerked the bomb and detonated.

This submarine was either U-34 or U-39, but you can imagine what sort of a nerve-shaking up her crew suffered.

Eight days passed, and it was for Wyandra (Baralong) that events awaited. Her new captain, Lieut. F. M. Simon, R.N., an hour before midnight, steaming by the south of Sicily and zig-zagging at 11 knots, looked over the moonlit sea.

## Badly Damaged

Something beyond the port bow flashed. Then again. Shells began to flop into the surrounding water, some falling so near as 50 yards. The Q-ship wasted no time, guessed the almost invisible object to be a submarine, estimated her as 3,000 yards away, and by the time the German had fired six shots Wyandra replied with five. Then sudden peace again. Why?

Neither party knew the other's identity, but Simon did take note that his ship's fifth shell (which apparently caused the enemy's discontinuance) burst with particular brightness. Nothing further occurred until seven the next morning near the Messina Straits, when the respective foes sighted each other, both having made good during the dark hours at 10 knots. Shots were exchanged. Simon gave chase, the U-boat dived at 7.40, but came up again five minutes later.

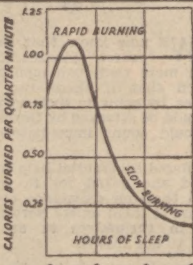
This confirmed Simon's suspicions that she had been too badly damaged for long submergence, and though the separating distance was 6,000 yards Wyandra tried hard to give the knock-out blow. Nineteen rounds the steamer fired, till the German dived again, altered course below water, and finally by sheerest luck passed through the Otranto Straits to her Austrian base.

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On the home front there has been "pronounced local activity," particularly in the Ministry of Supplies sector, where Mr. Leslie Burgin had to meet a vigorous attack by Mr. Herbert Morrison.

Mr. Burgin may be said to have repelled this attack, but certainly not without loss—of prestige.

For the Minister, who is responsible for more Government buying than any other, had to admit one personal indiscretion and to promise a new Order to prevent abuses of which the danger was clearly shown to exist.

The fact that there was no evidence of actual bribery and corruption in the placing of supply contracts does not absolve Mr. Burgin of other responsibilities.

In a Ministry of this kind and of this importance it is essential to maintain a spotless reputation. There should be no breath of scandal; no ground whatever even for hints of undue "influence" improper "commissions," or wire-pulling of any kind.

UNFORTUNATELY there has been much gossip of this kind; one rather unfortunate "inquiry" already, and the still unexplained dismissal of three officials.

Now Mr. Burgin has had the spending of some five hundred millions of public money, and he who holds the nation's purse-strings to this extent needs to run his own department on the tightest rein of economy and probity.

And it is well for the country that Mr. Herbert Morrison and other vigilant critics have pulled the Minister of Supplies up rather sharply and caused him to take precautions which ought, in prudence, to have been taken months ago.

It was Lloyd George, during the last war, which used to be called "great," who coined that startling phrase "too little and too late." He uses it still, but particularly in connection with the Government's assistance to agriculture, of which more anon.

It is possible however, to promise "too much and too soon." Our national credit has been damaged in recent years by the giving of guarantees which we were powerless to fulfil.

We "guaranteed" Czechoslovakia and it is now a German province. We "guaranteed"

# LET'S TALK IT OVER

IN the House of Commons next Tuesday, Mr. Chamberlain will give his answer to the question which everybody is now "talking over": "Was the Allies' offer of help to Finland 'too little and too late'?" The Premier will certainly deny this, but a lively debate on the general progress of the war is to be anticipated and, I think, desired.

Deep pity for the Finns themselves, admiration of their heroism, and indignation at the ruthless terms imposed upon them are felt by all free peoples.

These natural sentiments are apt to obscure judgment. They may blind us to the one consideration which must override all others while this war lasts—our need to defeat Nazi Germany.

In comparison with that need, nothing else matters, for not only is our own national existence at stake, but also the future safety and security of all small countries and the hope of a happier world order.

WE now know that the Allies gave "secret" pledges to Norway and Sweden more than two months ago. They promised that if these two Scandinavian countries, by going to their small neighbour's aid, should be attacked by Germany or Russia, they could count immediately upon Allied support.

We offered substantial help to Finland, too, provided she asked for it, but the Finns realised that our assistance could not be of much use to them unless Norway and Sweden joined in themselves or at least offered passage to our troops.

They would not join in. They sent volunteer help "too little and too late." They refused to let our troops pass. For they were sore afraid.

And your correspondent cannot see how, in these circumstances, Great Britain and France could have done other than they did.

WITHOUT prejudging the coming debate in the House, it is worth noting that the dispatch of a large Allied expeditionary force to Finland with powerful aviation support would have meant war with Russia.

Think that over for yourselves. We might have held the Mannerheim Line; we might have "stopped" the Bolsheviks in that sense and we should, no doubt, have made it impossible for them to send any supplies to Germany.

But could we have hoped for a speedy victory against Stalin's innumerable hordes? Could we have kept pace with the Nazi war-machine and still have sent enough planes and guns to meet our needs in this second war?

And, above all, should we, or could we, have hastened the defeat of Germany by beating the Russians back to their own frontier?

Unless you feel confident that we could have done all these things—and "Man o' the People" is not confident that we could have done any of them—it is not a bit of use to bemoan our "inaction" or to blame the Allies for a tragedy they were powerless to avert.

The blame, if blame there be, must rest upon the neutral world, and particularly Scandinavia, which has not yet learned the grim lesson of modern times—that the weak cannot hope to resist the strong until they have the courage to help each other.

THE Nazis, of course, are proclaiming the Finnish surrender as a major set-back for the Western Powers. We need not take that claim too seriously.

All that they can possibly gain from the ending of this particular conflict is some increase in the long-promised supplies of grain and timber and oil from Russia. So far that promise has infinitely outrun performance.

And, as against this doubtful advantage, they have to face the new fact of Russia's

"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" writes on "Things That Matter to You and Me"



Poland, which is still suffering a shameful martyrdom.

Sooner or later, when "Hitlerism" has been overthrown, we shall redeem these guarantees, but, when we made them, our Statesmen could not have paid much attention to the map of Europe.

And now, when "victorious" Russia may possibly turn covetous eyes upon her lost province of Bessarabia and Germany is already exerting her utmost diplomatic and economic pressure upon a neighbour rich in oil and grain, it may well happen that we shall be called upon to implement our guarantee to Rumania.

Let us hope that the Government is fully aware of the situation in the Near East and all its possible developments. For we cannot go to Rumania's assistance except with Turkey's co-operation.

Turkey is our friend. She is ready to help us against Germany if the need arises.

But she is not yet pledged to help us against Russia and it would be nothing short of disastrous if we should ever find ourselves geographically prevented from aiding Rumania in the same way that we have been geographically debarred from aiding Finland.

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complete domination of the Baltic—the sea they always looked upon as a "German lake."

Hitler himself—yes, even Von Ribbentrop, prime author of the treacherous pact with Stalin!—must burn with baffled fury at this thought. They must know that they have "lost face" in Scandinavia, which used to count upon Germany as a bulwark against the "Reds."

But the Nazis are astute diplomats in their own way and they are doing their utmost now to mollify Italy's resentment against the Bolsheviks and to turn her "non-belligerency" into "benevolent neutrality."

They dream, but they dream in vain, of a "Triple Alliance." They can scarcely expect to win Mussolini over to open friendship with Russia, but they do hope to build a totalitarian facade.

And all the chances are, at least in your correspondent's view, that we must shortly expect another "peace offensive."

SUMNER WELLES is on his way back to America, but his second visit to Rome on his return journey is not without significance.

For America, like all the other neutrals, is still chiefly concerned with her own interests. Has not one of her Senators actually threatened us with the breaking off of trade negotiations because—brotherhood—we have decided to restrict certain imports which we can no longer afford to buy?

It is not for us to criticise American neutrality, but, when a country which will sell us nothing except upon a "cash and carry" basis, begins to protest at our refusal to buy her canned fruit, the limit of sheer "nerve" has surely been reached!

Be that as it may, the Nazis are certainly counting upon the greed and selfishness and fear of the entire neutral world to support them in their desperate desire for a negotiated peace, which will leave them with all, or almost all, their loot intact, and give the neutrals another term of business almost as usual.

I cannot believe for an instant that Roosevelt's envoy could have left London under the impression that our leaders would ever fall into so obvious a trap.

And yet the rumour persists that some peace move, sponsored by Roosevelt or by Mussolini, or by both, is soon to be expected.

If we ever fell for that, then indeed the entire war effort of the Allies would have been "too little and too late."

REVERTING to the question of agriculture, Lloyd George may be right in his contention that the Government ought to aim at nothing less than doubling our home-grown food supplies.

And it is argued by many knowledgeable men that the new war-time subsidy of two pounds an acre, even though it should bring two million acres under the plough again, will not produce an equivalent crop-yield for lack of seed supplies and fertilisers.

The writer is no authority on this subject, but he is fully persuaded that all ordinary people who have the time and the opportunity to "dig for victory" in their own gardens and allotments ought to start digging at once.

THERE is a picture in this page of a young fellow who took up flying at weekends "just for fun" some time before the war started.

He was an amateur then, and now he is a professional in the deadly game of war.

Well, from 1914 to 1918, our army of glorious amateurs held its own with the best of Germany's trained men. Our workshops were largely staffed by "amateur" workers, men and women, and our fields were tilled by tens of thousands of volunteers.

What we could do then, we can do again. We must, whether we like it or not, leave the conduct of diplomacy to our political leaders and the conduct of the war to our commanders.

But, individually, the sooner we all forget our "amateur status" the better; the sooner we realise that we are staking all we've got on victory, the sooner we may hope to attain it.

There is no retreat—"No retreat; no retreat!" They must conquer or die who have no retreat.

A Man o' the People

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By The Lounger

THE men who new our timber," says a writer, "are superb physical specimens." Stout fellows.

"Hitler's ambition," says a political article, "is to hold all Europe in a vice." Mein clump!

TODAY'S PROVERB Romantic dreams That shine, like stars, in beauty Can ne'er come true Unless they're linked to duty.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "HOLIDAYS ARE COMING" Another week, and then where shall we be? Rite in the middle of the Easter holidays! Well, that's one thing about being evacuated. You don't have to take a long journey into the country to get a camping holiday.

Bees you see that's what me and Horrie mean to do. If the gallant troops have to camp out during wartime, why shouldn't we? We've got to train ourselves to be efficient soldiers same as all the other young men who are just lucky to be a little bit older than us see?

Of course we aren't a very large army so we've got to make out most of the jobs between us. I'm the colonel and the sergeant-major and Horrie is the lance-corporal and the bugler, and Cuzzin Arther is all the privates, cook's mates, mess-orderlies and people who are on order fatigues. I mean, sum-boddy's got to do the dirty work.

We shall of course, have to get our tent from the house down to the 12-acre meadow incidently we're lucky to have a meadow to camp in. Becos Farmer Oates has plowed up nearly all his grass land, to be in the new fashion, but there's one meadow left. Arther will carry the tent down there, while Horrie cheers him on with the bugle, and I'll march in front at the head of the troops.

Horrie fancies himself a bugler but practising is a bit difficult. For one thing Mrs Oates who is a kind-hearted lady as a rule won't let him practise anywhere near the house. She says the horrible noise he makes wud turn the milk sour in the dairy. So he has to go and do his practising in one of the big barns.

It's funny how the cows all listen to Horrie blowing the bugle, they all make mooring noises of their own, and Rags (that's my dog) goes and stands by him and howls in harmony. That shows Horrie is a true musician, becoss nobody, not even Rags, howls when Arther plays the piano. Nobody's interested enough to bother to do anything.

But we know Arther won't tire himself out putting up the tent, becoss he's got to do sum cooking for us. You know we don't think much of Arther (little sop), but his fried scones are masterpieces, and you can bet we'll keep him busy. We're going to have a grand time over Easter in camp. So here's to Mein Camp! It's not merely mein camp and Horrie's, it's Cuzzin Arther's camp, too!

NEW WINDOW-BOX SONG I've often written about the kitchen garden and its uses, but I never thought I'd have such a fine one of my own. It doesn't extend over many Acres. It's not very large. In fact, it's the smallest k.g. you ever saw.

My window-box in olden days Made quite a show in Spring. With daffodils and hyacinths And all that kind of thing. The snowdrops and the crocuses—I liked them well enough. But now my little window-box is filled with sterner stuff.

CHORUS: I liked the pretty show of the flow'rs I used to grow—Geranium, marigolds, and even phlox. When golden beams were in the air and blue was in the sky, The beauty of the blossoms would bring tears into your eye, In my kitchen garden window-box. The flowers I have at present Are doing quick-change turns: I've a little row of carrots And they look like pretty ferns. There are blooms that cause the florists To make a frightful fuss, But they don't look half so dainty As my nice asparagus.

CHORUS: I'm wrestling with the tricks of celery in sticks; They'll nearly grow as tall as holly-hocks, And so when you look in on me, you'll find exciting scores. My window's gay and cheerful with the wearin' of the greens; I'm growing peas and brussels sprouts to give old Hitler beaters a taste. In my kitchen garden window-box.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK Speaking of duty, it's not a bit of use merely... speaking of duty.

U.S. is finding out that war babies have golden wings. Its aviation industry today is exporting aircraft and parts equal in value to about 40 per cent. of exported cars, as compared with 2 1/2 per cent. ten years ago.

Although on the whole America is sustaining her volume of foreign trade, she has suffered some setbacks. A notable one is in tobacco, exports of which have fallen to one-fifth of pre-war figures. That's due mainly to Britain ceasing to buy tobacco.

HISTORY shows that poor leadership on the part of her generals has resulted in a terrible squandering of Russia's man-power. The story of the Finnish campaign—250,000 men lost as against the Finns' 15,000—is only one more example.

When she took a licking from the Japs in 1904-05, Russia threw away her man-power with prodigal unconcern.

"THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD" IT'S plain people who make up this world, for they weave the Fabric of Life and if there's one thing that they abhor, it's the uprooting effect of strife.

They want to live as God planned, avoiding wasteful pain, they've plenty of things to deal with, and War goes against their grain.

THEY get their Adventure in Living, in grappling with Life's grim odds, and to them Death is not a Weapon, it is Time's Property and God's.

AND they want to work out Life's Plan, through toil and with love in their hearts; ask the Peoples of all the World, in all the World's different parts.

They want to live in Sane Peace, and to call no man their foe, and that's why they'll fight this War to its End—they're determined the HATERS SHALL GO.

Her casualties, 500,000 killed and wounded, were nearly double those of Japan.

In the 1914-1918 war, although she had a year's less fighting than the other belligerents, Russia topped the list of casualties of all the nations involved. She had 1,700,000 men killed, 4,950,000 wounded, and lost 2,500,000 as prisoners of war.

Watching THE price of liberty is eternal vigilance—that is if you're strong enough to resist aggression. Today the small neutrals are paying through the nose to safeguard their frontiers.

Switzerland's weekly bill to maintain the army she mobilised—20 per cent. of her man-power—is £1,500,000. Belgium, Denmark and Holland are also footing big bills to keep watch and ward over their frontiers.

Plunder NAZI leaders have a habit of amassing money. But money has risen to wealth so quickly as paunchy Christian Weber, President of the Bavarian District Council.

He used to drive a cab in Munich, and make a bit on the side as a racing tipster. Today he owns one of Germany's largest racing stables, and entertains regally at the Wittelsbach town palace.

Robert Ley, supreme boss of the Nazi Labour Front, controls an income of some £16,000,000 a year. He got in the big money when the funds of pre-Nazi trades unions were confiscated—nearly £10,000,000.

Milk-O! IT'S a pity the German radio propagandists told us in English that we were suffering from, among other

things, a shortage of milk. They could not have hit on a worse subject.

Britain's milk industry is far better organised now than it was in the last war, and 1940 production is estimated at 1,080,000,000 gallons, valued at more than £52,000,000.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—GERMAN youth is now taught to regard Defoe's classic, "Roxana Crusoe," as a subtle piece of British propaganda in spite of the fact that the book was first published in 1719?

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry played a valiant part in the defence of Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny, and one of its nicknames "Red Feathers" refers to an occasion when in order to attract the attention of the enemy the men dyed the feathers of their headgear red?

In those regions of Australia where the eucalyptus flourishes, fevers and lung complaints are more the exception than the rule among the inhabitants?

The destroyer was originally introduced to combat the activities of the torpedo-boat, but now has largely usurped the functions of that craft?

Among household possessions and furnishings, carpets are one of the oldest, for they were used by the Egyptians 5,000 years ago, though it was centuries later that they were introduced into this country by Eleanor of Castille when she married Edward I in 1254?

POSER A RESERVOIR is one-third full of water. If it is emptied at the daily rate of one gallon for every 40 gallons it daily contained and at the same time filled at the daily rate of one gallon for every 40 gallons it daily contained, how long to the nearest day will it take to fill it?

Solution to last Sunday's poser: Let x = Total score Then x/11 = Average score No. 1 scored x/11 = 12 No. 2 " x/11 = 11 No. 3 " x/11 = 2 No. 4, 6, 7 and 8 scored x/2 No. 5 scored 5x/22 No. 9, 10 and 11 scored x/11 = 12 From which x = 286 and batsmen in correct order scored: 14, 26, 24, 72, 65, 28, 9, 34, 5, 4, 5.

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# M.P.s Gravely Alarmed Over New Arms Contract Disclosures

## MR. BURGIN MUST TELL NATION—OR GO!



STALIN'S APPETITE

### Saved Baby's Life GAS HELMET USED AS "IRON LUNG"

From Our Own Correspondent  
Worthing, Saturday.  
A BABY'S gas helmet, converted by a doctor and nurse in a few minutes into an "iron lung," has been the means of saving the life of a four-months-old baby girl.

The baby, Valerie Wood, of The Oval, Findon, near Worthing, lay desperately ill with pneumonia. With a temperature of 105, she was too ill to move to hospital. The only chance of saving her life lay in the use of an oxygen tent, but there was no tent available.

The doctor and nurse attending her conceived the idea of using the gas helmet.

By means of rubber tubes they connected two oxygen cylinders to the helmet and placed the baby inside. For several days and nights Valerie was kept in the helmet.

Now her condition has improved to such an extent that Valerie is back in her cot, her life saved.

#### THE LOOKERS-ON

The conference of the Baltic States—Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania—concluded in Riga tonight, and an official communiqué stated that all three countries were determined to maintain absolute neutrality.—B.U.P.

#### ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT



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### DOLORES DEL RIO SEPARATED

Hollywood, Saturday.  
DOLORES DEL RIO, the film star, and Cedric Gibbons, art director, admitted here today that they have separated.

Mr. Gibbons is Dolores Del Rio's second husband. He married her in 1930. Her first husband, Don Jaime Martinez, died in 1928.

### Stage Clean-Up

## M.P.s AND STRIP-TEASE

BY OUR THEATRE CORRESPONDENT

M.P.s ARE TO ASK THE HOME SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW TO BAN STRIP-TEASE DANCING IN THEATRES AND NIGHT CLUBS.

Some Members think the growth of this form of entertainment is becoming a scandal and is making the music-halls less than ever a place of family amusement.

The Parliamentary Order Paper contains the following question in the name of Dr. Little, M.P.:—

"To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether, in view of the increase of nude and semi-nude shows, he will take immediate steps to prohibit such shows."

I understand that Sir John Anderson will assure M.P.s that the appropriate authorities are giving the matter their serious attention.

The L.C.C. Entertainment Committee, for instance, is sending inspectors to see the many stage and cabaret shows in London where nudity or near-nudity forms one of the attractions.

## DEMAND SPREADS FOR FULL INQUIRY ABOUT "RACKETEERS"

By Our Political Correspondent

WILL MR. BURGIN RESIGN? THE QUESTION WAS BEING ASKED BY M.P.s OF ALL PARTIES DURING THE WEEK-END. SERIOUS DISQUIET WAS FELT OVER THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE ABOUT HIS ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY. THE DEMAND FOR A FULL INQUIRY IS GROWING.

Mr. Herbert Morrison's revelations in the Commons of the visiting card which Mr. Burgin gave to Capt. V. R. Ullman, following on the Scotnicki and the Behar cases, are to be considered by the official Opposition leaders next week.

Mr. Burgin's assurance that no civil servants have been found guilty of accepting bribes for the placing of war contracts will be gladly accepted.

At the same time there is a feeling that unless Mr. Burgin comes forward with a full report on the various complaints that have been made, the Prime Minister should be asked to institute a thorough investigation of all the circumstances.

Many M.P.s think that Mr. Burgin should resign in order to clear the way for such an inquiry and at the same time give the Supply Ministry a fresh start.

Serious weaknesses, they say, have been revealed in Mr. Burgin's administration. They are not prepared to declare that he knew personally of all the facts which have since been disclosed, but they insist that as Minister he was responsible and should be answerable.

#### BEWILDERMENT

Bewilderment over Mr. Burgin's attitude was increased yesterday by a statement by Mr. Robert Behar. He and his brother were sacked from the Ministry. Mr. Burgin's explanation to the Commons was that they were "unsuitable" for the jobs to which they were appointed.

Yet Mr. Robert Behar states that on February 29 the Director-General of Munitions Production, with the authority of Mr. Burgin, offered to retain him in his Ministry post in a civilian capacity.

On March 4, says Mr. Robert Behar, that offer was withdrawn without any explanation by the Minister.

"Mr. Burgin," alleges Mr. Behar, "sacrificed me in a miscalculated political manoeuvre."

Whatever Mr. Burgin's considerations, M.P.s declare that truth must out. In a Ministry which is spending £16,000,000 a week of the nation's money, there must be the certainty that secrecy is not used as a cloak for departmental inefficiency.

When the draft regulations come before the Commons this week the Opposition will move amendments, demanding that any person involved in these transactions should declare them at once and that all commissions received should be handed over to the Exchequer.

They will also demand that the comb-out of the racketeers should be made retrospective.

## "POOR," LEFT £22,000

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hastings, Saturday.  
MANY years ago, Alexander Edwards, of Mount Pleasant-rd., Hastings, kept a sweetshop in the High-st. He made his own sweets and was known as the Lollypop Man.

Then he gave up the shop and for years he wandered about the town in rags, wearing a sack instead of an overcoat, collarless, and in old slippers. Often kind-hearted people gave him money to buy food. Now he has died, aged eighty-five. And his will has surprised all Hastings. For it revealed that the Lollypop Man had a big financial interest in some of the most important businesses in the town. And he has left a fortune of more than £22,000.

## "The People's" Secret Service News

RELIABLE reports are reaching neutral countries about growing discontent among German workers. In some places the discontent has grown to the point of open revolt and refusal to work.

The same reports say that factory machinery is becoming worn out, and that casualties among the workmen—as a result of this broken-down machinery—are three times as high as normal.

WHEN Herr Alfred Rosenberg, head of the Nazi Cultural Education Organisation, inspected contingents of the Hitler Youth the other day, he made a remark which Dr. Goebbels failed to suppress.

He told the youngsters that their task was to "encourage those who were becoming tired and discouraged by the war." That is a useful pointer to German morale.

TWICE a day the sound of rifles rings out in the gardens of the old Polish Parliament in Warsaw.

Each time, half a dozen Poles fall before the firing squad. Most of the victims are Poles who possessed evidence of Nazi officers having been mixed up in looting or beating-up affairs.

AEROPLANES are crashing at the rate of 20 a week in Germany. Air Force recruits are expected to take up planes in the air long before they have had adequate training.

RELIABLE reports indicate that the German air force is being organised in two sections.

First, there are the crack squadrons, most of which are concentrated in the Heligoland Bight and Kiel Canal region. They are equipped with the latest machines, and the pick of the German pilots.

For Goering regards that district as Germany's most vulnerable spot from the air.

The other squadrons, spread over the other fronts, are inferior both in machines and men.

to assassinate him and put one of the grandsons of the ex-Kaiser on the throne.

DESPITE Ribbentrop's protest to the Pope, at his interview the other day, that Nazi Germany had no hostile motives towards the Catholic Church, he was made to feel uncomfortable.

The reason was that the Vatican's diplomatic service—one of the most efficient in the world—had previously obtained the terms of one of the secret clauses of the Stalin-Ribbentrop agreement.

This clause laid it down that the two totalitarian States should do all in their power to destroy the Church in their respective countries—the Orthodox Church in Russia and the Catholic Church in Germany.

A VIGOROUS working-class movement is growing up in Czechoslovakia, with equally powerful industrial and political support.

Two thousand miners recently marched to Prague to protest against punitive measures which had been put into operation by Baron von Neurath against shop stewards in the factories.

## Car-Trade Plea

THE BELLS  
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## "We Are Facing Ruin"

THE retail motor trade of Great Britain has been brought to the verge of ruin, and motor traders are left with large stocks of second-hand vehicles for which there is no genuine economic market as a consequence of high taxation and fuel restrictions.

This is an extract from a letter to Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, from the Motor Legislation Committee, the influential body whose constituents include the Automobile Association, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Motor Agents' Association, Scottish Motor Trade Association, and the British Cycle and Motor Cycle Manufacturers' and Traders' Union.

Appealing to the Chancellor to restore the car tax to its former rate, the letter says: "It is felt that motor-vehicle taxation can suitably be adjusted without prejudice to the revenue and with benefit to the national interests."

"Motor owners are labouring under a strong feeling of injustice because they are compelled to bear an excessive share of taxation, even as a war-time measure. The weight of this burden falls with particular severity on motor owners of modest income."

"It is suggested that the Government give sympathetic consideration to an alteration of the tax, as this would greatly contribute to the preservation of an essential trade."

### THEY'RE WANTING A SUPERMAN

WANTED, a Man with the Industry of an ant; Superhuman patience of a donkey; Meekness of a lamb; Skin of a rhinoceros; Vision of a prophet; Devotion of a mother. That was how the Rev. E. A. Phillips described the qualities needed for the job of Court probation officer, vacant at King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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## Edward Lyndoe's Predictions

# "Stalin Is Too Late!"

### PLAN WITH THE PLANETS

THE situation in Finland has turned out much as I suggested. Russia has nothing like the gains, materially, that many expected she would make. Whether these gains will be retained through the next year or two is doubtful. Enormous changes in the U.S.S.R. are impending.

Stalin is too late to save his prestige—has not much of life left anyway—and will suffer unexpectedly in troubles which affect one of the Soviet Republics. Besides this, the Red Dictator must expect a shock in the Middle East. I discard the theory of an inactive Turkey, for one thing.

IMPORTANT developments this week in Asia Minor and the Caucasus regions. We are about to see events there which knock the bottom out of any confidence Germany or Russia may pretend to possess.

RIBBENTROP'S journey to Rome has had many interpretations. I offer two facts. First, he was concerned mostly with a sudden move projected

by Hitler for this month—a grab of territory and most probably in South-Eastern Europe. His second purpose was to try to gull the Pope.



The Pope

THE Pope has an important move ready. You may recall my prediction in the week of his installation: that the peace of Europe is in his keeping. Highly dramatic is his next effort—successful in the main—a sore surprise for the dictators.

WHAT is Italy's future? An event concerning the monarchy will create an entirely new set of factors displeasing neither to the Italian people nor to Great Britain. More of this later.

THIS month produces a crop of difficulties for President Roosevelt, but it will bring him an astonishing (because unsuspected) success in the diplomatic field. I do not connect this with Mr. Sumner Welles.

DISTURBING news regarding a well-known foreign ruler is near at hand. The circumstances will exert a peculiar influence on the outcome and actual duration of the war.

## BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week.)

**TODAY**  
IT is possible that this year will bring you much nearer to the settled conditions you desire, but generally it is an unsuitable year for tackling changes or new ventures, and I think you will get by far the best results by confining your efforts to normal routine. Financial position reasonably satisfactory.

**TOMORROW**  
In spite of the possibility of some rather surprising gains, expenditure will be heavier than you have anticipated. Changes, however, turn out remarkably well, and this is the year in which to break away from normal routine.

**TUESDAY**  
Admirable year for expansion, and I do not doubt that vigorous effort during the next few months will bring you much nearer the realisation of some of your more im-

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK**, you can have a specially compiled Month-by-Month Review of your affairs up to the end of March, 1941, (over 3,800 words!) by applying AT ONCE, together with a P.O. for 2/- to cover clerical and postal costs. State name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss), full postal address, date of birth, and send to Edward Lyndoe, o/o "The People," 93, Long Acre, W.C.2.

portant ambitions. There may be opposition, especially from older people, and you must be prepared for a number of delays.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Although this year improves your financial position considerably, you may find it a rather worrying twelve-month in other respects. I would advise you to avoid experiments of any kind during the next few months and to stick as closely as you can to the normal run of your affairs.

### THURSDAY

Rather uneven year during which you should be able to strengthen your position considerably if you can resist the tendency to give way to recklessness. You may tend to be altogether too hasty and your impatience may lead you to make a number of slips, some of which might react badly on your finances.

### FRIDAY

Changes are the dominant characteristic of the coming year, and most of them will prove highly beneficial. Strongly urge you to plan on bold and original lines, for initiative this year is the key to success.

### SATURDAY

Number of very welcome gains likely during next few months, but unfortunately there is some risk that these will be dissipated by careless and slapdash methods on your part which lead to a number of setbacks. Need for care in occupational matters is particularly marked.

## HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK

(Look for your birth date below to find your section)

**MARCH 21 to APRIL 20**  
BEGINNING and end of this week are the best points for dealing with matters of special importance. I advise you to steer clear of Thursday for dealing with any of your major interests.

**APRIL 21 to MAY 20**  
Middle of the week is less helpful than either the beginning or the end, and I recommend the utmost care with anything which has to be handled on Wednesday. Principal benefits occur right at the end of the week, with Friday and Saturday standing out as extraordinarily helpful days.

**MAY 21 to JUNE 20**  
Dull week until towards the end, and I suggest you confine yourself to your ordinary activities for a few days. Friday brings a sudden swing-over in your favour and important changes begin to take effect then.

**JUNE 21 to JULY 20**  
Money is the principal cause of worry as you begin your week, and with the exception of Wednesday I think you will need to be cautious.

Fortunately, there appears to be improvement in your personal relations during the week. Monday and Friday both bring pleasing incidents.

**JULY 21 to AUGUST 21**  
Tuesday brings a step forward in business interests; Thursday enables you to consolidate your position on sound lines. Wednesday should be taken quietly, for a critical stage may arise then in negotiations.

**AUGUST 22 to SEPTEMBER 22**  
You will gain by waiting until Friday before making your main attack on current problems. At that point there is a change in

your favour and new opportunities begin to open up on a most encouraging scale.

**SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 22**  
Most of your efforts this week should be made either right at the beginning or at the very end. Wednesday marks a critical point in your affairs. Friday and Saturday are much more actively helpful days on which there are welcome prospects of improvement in finances and in the home.

**OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 22**  
Earlier you tackle your problems this week the better. The first two or three days give you a chance to make some sound improvements in your domestic arrangements, but I advise you not to attempt expenditure on any unusual scale for some time to come. Saturday brings a pleasant surprise with travel indicated in many instances.

**NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 20**  
You will get the chance you want on Wednesday—the day to choose for all matters of major importance. Thursday slightly less satisfactory,

but in general, second half of the week is a helpful spell. Finances likely to be much steadier than of late.

**DECEMBER 21 to JANUARY 19**  
With the exception of Tuesday, this is a pleasant week with few difficulties of any kind. Care necessary regarding expenditure, but if you budget carefully there should be nothing to occasion anxiety. Best all-round day for your efforts is Thursday.

**JANUARY 20 to FEBRUARY 18**  
First half of the week may be rather spoiled for many of you by anxiety regarding money, and I strongly urge additional care from this point of view. In other directions there are some remarkably good opportunities for progress.

**FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20**  
Week needed to be planned on energetic lines, for it contains excellent possibilities of advancement. The only really difficult day appears to be Wednesday. A little enterprise on Saturday will produce surprisingly good results.

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8.0—Edward O'Hare at the Organ.  
8.15—The Caravan Players.  
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8.45—The Lincolnshire Ocel.  
9.15—Exchange Programme with France; the Flotte de Toulon Band and the Royal Marines Band.  
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# RATES ON EMPTY HOUSES!

## SHOCK FOR TENANTS

**E**VEN if you have cleared your house of all its furniture, you may still be liable to pay rates in respect of it. So the Lord Chief Justice and two other High Court judges have just ruled.

The decision will come as a shock to large numbers of tenants who have evacuated themselves into "safe" districts.

It had generally been assumed that if the furniture is taken out—the house left empty—no rates were payable.

But that is a false assumption, according to the latest decision. It all depends upon the "intention to return or to occupy" the house again, and the old "furniture test," as it has been called by some lawyers, goes.

To escape liability the evacuated tenant—if, of course, there has been no surrender or other ending of the tenancy or lease—must satisfy the local authority that he has no intention to return or to occupy the house.

### ANSWERS TO TEASERS

The following are the Answers to Teasers at foot of this page:—

- (1) Lent. (7) Calvary.
- (2) Passion or (8) Judas.
- (3) Holy Week. (9) Eggs.
- (4) Maundy. (10) Gethsemane.
- (5) Easter. (11) Mount of Olives.
- (6) Golgotha. (12) Barabbas.
- (7) Thomas.

## BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE WANT TO FIGHT

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**H**IS UMBRELLA GRASPED AT THE SALUTE, AND AN HEAR TRUMPET JAMMED IN HIS EAR. EX-CAPTAIN "JAMES KETTLE" STUMPED INTO THE WAR OFFICE AND OFFERED HIMSELF FOR THE ARMY OFFICERS' EMERGENCY RESERVE.

"Age?" he was asked.

"Ninety," he snapped, "but don't feel a day over twenty."

"Experience?"

"Plenty, sir, plenty," he urged, "was decorated in the Boer War... Gently the staff officer informed "Captain Kettle" that men of his age were not needed yet.

"It's babes you want," snorted the old warhorse, and fumed out, forgetting his trumpet.

Thereafter all the resources of the War Office were summoned to return the trumpet. Despatch riders called at the old warrior's country house, at his flat in town.

Finally they found him consoling himself at his club. "Captain Kettle" is no isolated case. With jaunty step and erect figure, the Boys of the Old Brigade have answered their country's call.

### SPORTSMEN ALL!

They are sportsmen all—golfers, bowlers, yachtsmen, swimmers, and amateur pilots, men who never miss their cold bath in the morning, men who have kept themselves as fit as a fiddle since the last war.

They come from all trades, and all classes. Peers and plasterers, doctors and dustmen, keen and ardent as youths, all anxious to make their country's cause their own.

"Thousands who have called here are over sixty," the Colonel-in-Charge told me yesterday, "scores are over eighty-five."

A seventy-two-year-old North of England man arrived in a shabby suit and a pair of well-worn shoes.

He had no money for travel, so he walked to Bath, rested with relatives there, and then continued his tramp to offer himself for the Reserve.

On the other side of the social scale is the seventy-five-year-old monocled

## CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU

"THE PEOPLE" has pleasure today in offering congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:—

**DIAMOND**—Mr. and Mrs. W. Barr-Gay, Culross-rd., West Green, Haringey.

**GOLDEN**—Mr. and Mrs. W. Horne, Bank-lane, Womersley, Surrey; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pierce, Ashfield-rd., Finsbury Park; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hawkins, Chesterfield-ave., Thundersley, Essex.

**SILVER**—Mr. and Mrs. F. Alder, St. Mary Magdalene Hos., Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wood, West-st., Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. A. Everett, Canada-rd., Cardiff; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Perry, Colmore-rd., Liverpool; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durnin, Hortensia-rd., Chelsea; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Slimey, St. Margaret's-rd., Old Fletton, Peterborough.

**ALSO**—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hale, Westminster-rd., N. (40 years wed).

Governmental dummy jobs, and apply a means test on superannuated Prime Ministers, judges and governor-generals.

We are constantly being told that greater sacrifices will be needed. I wonder when official orators are to start on themselves and their friends who can best afford them?

If we are going to carry on this war in the antiquated money fashion, let us make sure the money moves freely around, instead of it accumulating in individual masses as of yore.

Hard times may be coming, but a better distribution of the rough stuff will make it more endurable for the community as a whole.

**TO MY CORRESPONDENT I REPLY THAT, AS DICTATOR, I SHOULD RELY ON UNIVERSAL SQUARE DEALS, BESIDES BEING GOOD IN THEMSELVES, THEY STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE, ZEAL AND COURAGE.**

**AND SOUND MORALE WILL WIN THIS WAR, WHILE WOBBLY MORALE WILL LOSE IT.**

## STAGE TO SADDLE



Miss Hope Sykes, one of the first A.T.S. girls to be trained as a despatch rider, was training for the stage before the war.

## You Will Agree About—

# Square Deals!

By "THE PHILOSOPHER"

**A** LETTER HAS COME TO ME, IN WHICH A CORRESPONDENT ASKS, "WHAT PLAN, AS DICTATOR, WOULD YOU FOLLOW TO WIN THE WAR?"

If I were dictator for a day, to all my people I'd say—what? So ran the query.

So here goes:

My preparatory step would be to get it under everybody's skin that, if we are beaten, we shall lose most things making life worth living.

We have had wars before, senseless wars for individual profit and national "prestige."

At the close of this one, either we shall retain our liberties or suffer misery worse than the Poles are enduring.

Openly, too, I should admit the probability of the war carrying on through a long stretch of pretty thin times.

Because Hitler and his killers won't be easily overthrown. The last war proved the Germans to be tough, very tough.

**THEREFORE, THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH I SHOULD BUILD VICTORY WOULD BE AN INFORMED AND INTELLIGENT DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE.**

Such morale, I believe, will be the deciding factor in the struggle. If ours outlives that of the Jerries, then we name the terms.

But if our public spirit cracks, armaments and money will not count at all, and our Statesmen, willy-nilly, will be forced to sign on the dotted line.

Now this morale of the country—of fighters and civilians—will stay the course well only if everyone is satisfied we are one family with one aim.

For that reason, I should remove all odd grounds for social irritation—any treat-

ment leading sections of the community to suspect they are the guys bearing unfair burdens.

**TO** start I should get rid of the grouse that money is lavished on the "haves" and withheld unduly from "have-nots."

I should double old-age pensions. I should double the pay of soldiers, sailors and airmen. I should double allowances granted to their children.

And I should do other things of a like nature.

These alterations would be mere beginnings, for, even then, these classes of our people will be ill-paid, in comparison.

It is a sad truth that when a worker grows too old to serve the State further, our system refuses to reward him with a decent retirement.

It is a sad truth that the more distant a soldier is moved from home comforts and the nearer he gets to danger, the smaller shrinks his pay packet.

Why an Australian or New Zealander should receive four times as much as a British Tommy leaves most folks guessing.

It rankled in the last war, and it will rankle in this.

**TO** raise funds, I should steeply increase taxation of those remaining at home—your taxation, my taxation.

We are well off in cushy billets, and surely we want to help to win victory that means so much to us.

I should remove hereditary pensions, abolish salaries for

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## WHAT SAY YOU?

# Twelve Ten-Second Teasers

- 1.—It's a season of penitence and fasting; it is followed by a great church festival; it comprises 40 days of abstinence. Name it.
- 2.—It's an important week in the Church's year; it starts with Palm Sunday; it's associated with the sufferings of Christ. Name it.
- 3.—It's the name given to the Thursday in the week preceding Easter; it's the day when the royal arms are distributed by the royal almoner; this ceremony takes place in Westminster Abbey. What is it?
- 4.—It's a great church festival; it's a time of triumph and rejoicing; its rites are associated with songs, music, dramatic presentation; its "hot cross buns" and "simnel cakes" continue its ancient traditions. Name it.
- 5.—It's a place near Jerusalem; it's where Christ was crucified; it's a burial ground. What is it?
- 6.—It's a common Christian name for a male; its name is one of Christ's disciples; it's symptomatic of doubt. What is it?
- 7.—It's situated close to Jerusalem; it's the site on which the crucifixion of Jesus Christ took place; it's a life-size representation of the crucifixion usually found in the open air. Name it.
- 8.—It's the name of two of Christ's disciples; it's a term applied to a traitor. What is it?
- 9.—They may form food; they may not be accepted as food; they are associated with birds, reptiles, fishes; kiddies are not averse to the right kind; they are particularly partial to the Easter type. Name them.
- 10.—It's a garden in a place outside Jerusalem; it was the scene of our Lord's agony on the night preceding his crucifixion. Name it.
- 11.—It's a mountain outside Jerusalem; it's a ridge of high land in the same district; it's a mountain with a record of sinister events. Name it.
- 12.—It's a name associated with the trait of Jesus Christ before Pentecost; it signifies a robber, a house-breaker, an insurgent. What is it?

(ANSWERS ABOVE 1st COLUMN TWO)

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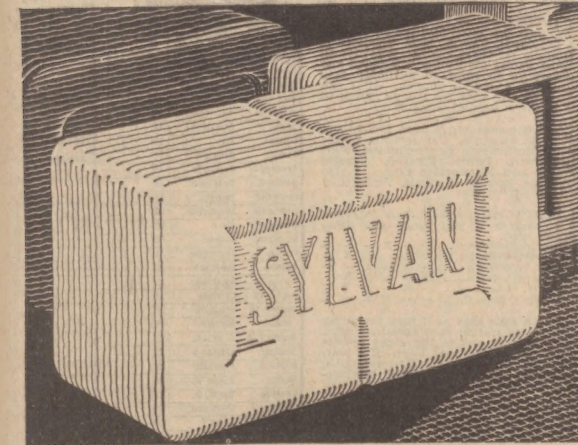


## FYNNON SALT New Trial Size—6d.

With spring comes this piece of good news. Fynnon Salt, the famous Home Spa Cure, can now be had in trial sixpenny packets. This will give everyone, at trifling expense, a chance to test the wonderful revitalising effects of sodium, potassium and lithium, the spa water elements that have brought fame to Fynnon Salt.

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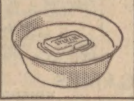
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# Bottle Parties Are Now Approved By Brass Hats

## Soldiers Need A Spot Of Fun

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**BOTTLE PARTIES**—"HOTCH POTCHES OF DUBIOUS ENTERTAINMENT," ACCORDING TO M.P.s AND OTHERS—ARE, I UNDERSTAND, BEING WINKED AT BY THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES.

But there is a catch in it—only concerns that keep strictly to the law are not subjects of official disapproval.

Dives of doubtful character staging near-naked dance turns are being purged nightly by Scotland Yard.

Despite protests and attempts to outlaw respectable parties, many prominent people are in favour of them.

Their view is that in war time, folk, especially soldiers on leave, need a little enjoyment now and then, and don't always want to retire to bed at suburban hours.

"Whatever the prudes do," they say, "there will always be night life in the big city, so why not let there be as much harmless night life as possible?"

"Close down the well-run places and the low joints haunted by thieves, pickpockets and other underworld scum will come into their own."

"No more loopholes," Captain Gordon, retired Army man, who is in charge of one of London's best-run bottle parties, told me yesterday that, if parties become illegal, their sponsors will be put out of business for good.

"So far as we can see there are no more loopholes in the law which would enable us to entertain people who want a night out," he said.

Captain Gordon added that bottle parties have been criticised for charging high prices.

"Whisky costs 25s. a bottle," he said. "But in swaggy hotels it comes to about the same price. Customers are served from bottles and then charged so much a nip."

"There is usually a 7s. 6d. entry charge for service. But surely that is not a lot to pay for a good floor show and a band of ten that costs anything from £120 to £150 a week. Breakfast costs 4s. 6d. That is not

profiteering when you remember that we have to pay night workers high wages and that hotels and restaurants charge the same."

Captain Gordon's reply to the allegation that bottle-parties are one of the worst of our wartime social evils was, "Rubbish!"

"The badly run ones are," he said, "but the police are after them."

"But take our hostesses, for instance. They stay on till we close down and are forbidden, on pain of the sack, to leave with a member. Not much social evil about that, is there?"

"And every one of the dozen or more big bottle parties is regularly visited by the police, so that, even if we wanted to, we'd have no chance of putting on questionable shows."

### EXETER HERO DIES

One of the Exeter's crew, James Thomas Frederick, aged twenty, who was wounded in the battle with the Graf Spee, has died in the British Hospital at Buenos Aires after operations to extract fragments of shell from his head.—Reuter.

### SLOW MARCH



A pacemaker, like a huge compass, used by a warrant officer of a Guards battalion to train the troops to keep the regulation pace of the slow march.

## AUSTRIAN COOK HAD CAMERA

**WHEN** an Austrian cook was accused at Reading yesterday of having had a camera, her English mistress confessed that "in a panic" she had burned it.

The cook, Anna Winkler, aged forty, of Church-lane House, Shinfield, near Reading, was charged with having a camera under her control between September 5 and March 1.

Her employer, Mrs. Pamela Mary Senior, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. T. A. Stuckbery, prosecuting, alleged that Winkler took photographs with a box camera. It appeared that the photographs were harmless.

Constable Price said he saw Winkler on January 5. She denied that she had a camera.

Winkler, giving evidence, said she came to England about 2½ years ago. She was not a refugee. After visiting Pangbourne Police Station on September 5—when a list of the things she must not have was read to her—she gave the camera as a present to Mrs. Senior.

Mrs. Senior said that when she was told Winkler was taking photographs she did not want to get her into trouble.

"I was in such a panic that I thought the only thing to do was to burn the camera," Winkler said. Mrs. Senior was fined £5 each and ordered to pay costs. The chairman said: "The magistrates can only regard Winkler's handing over of the camera to Mrs. Senior as a sort of subterfuge."

## HERE THERE AND ANY OLD WHERE

By  
Cecil Hadley

### Calling All Cars—

92, Long Acre,  
London, W.C.

AMONGST the heroes of this war whose names have not been vouchsafed us (do you like that "vouchsafed us"? Neat, if gaudy, what? Is the man who picked on 1s. 10d. as our weekly ration of meat.

If only we could get him to broadcast to the nation why he didn't make it 1s. 11d.

The genius who, apart from the natural official instinct to cause the maximum of annoyance, couldn't make it the round two shillings and one shilling for children deserves a page in history books.

### Romance

#### Beating Up

I THINK I ought to be warning all you good Eollywood's journalists who spend their lives peeping round corners and through keyholes (wotta life!), have seen Olivia de Havilland and James Stewart holding hands.

So in your morning picture paper for the next three months you will, on alternate days, be informed that Olivia and James are, and are not, going to be married.

It may be longer, Barbara Stanwyck kept us on tenterhooks over six months before she married whoever it was she married. I have forgotten his name already. But then I always do forget the names of famous film stars until my Monday sixpenny north at the local reminds me of them. Then it is too late. I've paid my tanner.

Still, it makes you appreciate all the more a real actor and a real film like "Mr. Chips" when it comes along.

### How to Behave

#### Like a Scarecrow

SAYS a Beauty Girl:

"Keep your wrists shapely and supple by waving them loosely in circles and shaking them violently at odd moments."

But don't do it if you live anywhere near an asylum. You never know.

NO film cave-man's bedroom is safe from Molly, the film girl, who tells us that Cary Grant, however late he is to peepies, folds his clothes up tidily and sleeps in broadcloth pyjamas.

I suppose you care.

And laugh here, please. In a bus was the notice "Please do not spit," and immediately below it an advertisement saying, "There's no place like your own home."

Writing of funny notices, time or circumstances have obliterated the centre part of a laundry sign on a clock face in East London, which now reads:

DON'T KILL YOUR WIFE.

WE CAN DO IT FOR YOU.

### Candid

EVERY now and then I hate to spoil a thing and don't. So read this. I've censored the name of the paper because I'm sure they didn't mean it—

"Back in my room, packing my bag. I glanced at the waste-paper basket. Something about that carefully rolled newspaper looked familiar. I picked it up and unrolled it. It was the 'Daily'—"

### Silence,

#### Please!

I MUST apologise for the absence of Auntie Nellie lately. Somebody sent her a box of chewing gum and she positively won't come off the nest for anyone.

When I speak to her she just leans the chewings across her face and says: "You don't say, Bai Gum." And that is all I can get out of her. She doesn't even break up for meals.

Our only hope is news when he has finished the box up.

When you get Auntie Nellie dumb it's going places. I need hardly press the idea on husbands to keep their bitter halves well stocked with this magic silencer.

And in the national interest here is my slogan:—

WALLS HAVE  
EARS

CHEW GUM  
KEEP DUM

HE gives promise of big things to come if the war does as a footballer." (News Item.)

In that case the war ought to be stopped.

### Love One

#### Another, Gertcha

HAVE the Football League ever done so paltry, petty and miserable a thing as kicking the Third Division sides out of the new Cup competition? This, too, at a time when all clubs should pull together; when nearly all clubs need a helping hand—not a departing foot.

The League hasn't even given the "Thirds" a square deal before hoofing them.

When the big clubs come into the Cup later on they will play home and home games and decide on the goal aggregate. Thus each club is assured of two games.

But in the preliminary round the Third Division clubs don't even get that concession. They go out at the earliest moment the League can get rid of them, and no mercy for the sides "drawn" away from home. No second chance for them.

But when the Arsenal, Everton and Wolves come along, if they happen to get drawn away, they are given a second chance to make it up.

Nice work the League. The Book tries to inculcate a spirit of brotherly love, help your neighbour, succour for the weak, etc. I guess the Football League folk mostly read "Ruff's Guide to the Turf."

Incidentally, one of the teams kicked out are Queen's Park Rangers, the champions of London Region B, which had in it First and Second Division sides. And, incidentally, although in the last English Cup competition Q.P.R. knocked out Crystal Palace, it is the Palace who have been exempted the early round of this war Cup.

### WHO HAS LOST A MEDAL?

Reader A. Lockier, 13, Stanley-rd., Sparkbrook, has a medal which he would like to give back to its owner. It is inscribed "Senior Cup Runners-up, Willehall Swifts F.C. H. Billa. Walsall and District Football Association."

### IN REPLY

LETTERS RECEIVED.—A.B. (London, S.W.2). H.P.P. (Clayton). N.M.J. (Newtown Abbot). G.W. (Pontefract). F.W.R. (Thurston). L.F. (Penton). B.A.D. (T.M. (Hawick). N.C. (Parsloft). L.A. (Lancs). J.W.B. (London, S.E.1). J.T. (Bosmore). A.R. (Aldershot). A. (London, S.W.2). J.W. (Lafwell). E.E. (Luton).—With cards played 2, 3, 4, Ace, 3, 2, the last clearly scores a run of 37.

## Oh, Delightful Work, Sir!

### INTERLUDE in the House.

Sir Victor Warrender: German prisoners have opportunities of listening to B.B.C. programmes. Sir Herbert Williams: Serves them right.

Very unkind. I call it, to make fun of the B.B.C. It is the only big business that makes progress backwards and still folks aren't satisfied.

After all, they have put old things like "In Town Tonight" and "Mr Walker" back into the programmes. And watch out for the Foundations of Music and the Bacon Cantatas. You never know, you know.

And the Keys of the Tower! And that dreadful religious play from Cornwall and the Nightingale. Besides...

After all, people who could put "In Town Tonight" and "Mr Walker" back into the programmes already being heard on the air two, three and more times a week could fail to do anything.

### Gone Into

#### The Flames

IF stupid people (and "stupid" is a kind word) pester me, they cannot complain if they get something in return.

The chain-letter nuisance has broken out again, and I am suffering as, I believe, other columnists are.

So it is time an example was made of some of these absurd people who so glibly tell you "a Miss Garfield" received £3,000 for keeping up the chain. It is always "a Miss Garfield" while "a Mr. Miller" broke the chain and had bad luck.

Has anyone ever seen or seen anyone who has seen "a Miss Garfield"? Who provided the £3,000 for this lucky lady? And why?

The time has arrived to be drastic, so I here inform—

Doris Wilson, Brian Mitchell, Lillian M. Keane, Marion Stowell, Charles G. Stone,

who sent no address and all write exactly alike, that their chain letter, with others, went into a fine blazing fire. So will any others that reach me, so perhaps this warning will save intending writers time, paper and postage, and the anxiety of having to wait for that £3,000 a-piece.

### Readers Say

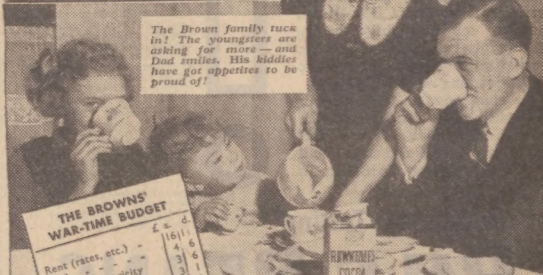
#### Their Say

"I, too, would like to say what I feel about the reception of the Regional or Forces programme on 542.1 metres. I have a set which is the last word in perfection, but after eight in the evening it is impossible to listen with any degree of pleasure. As the B.B.C. want to a lot of trouble to find out that most people listen in to radio between 8.0 o'clock and 10.0 o'clock I would have thought they would have endeavoured to give perfect reception at that time. If possible, to see if you could get the B.B.C. to keep the wavelength on 373 metres, which is perfect, and by doing so give great satisfaction to many people."—D. R. S. (Bovyes Park).

"I was glad to see your comments re Haw-Haw, because there is no doubt that, amongst the untrained minds, this propaganda of his is getting a firm hold. As a public official interviewing hundreds of people each week I find that the only thing disconcerted and disgruntled people can talk about is Haw-Haw. I would suggest something for the B.B.C. to do and that is broadcast a brief account of social conditions in Germany immediately following Haw-Haw's broadcast and keep the same monotonous persistence. No, whilst we have plenty to grieve about we have much more for which to be thankful and appreciate your recognition and appreciation of the insidiousness of this propaganda of Haw-Haw's is properly counteracted."—J. R. (Southend-on-Sea).



"With 4 in family  
all I can spare  
is 26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a week  
for food" says Mrs. Brown,  
of Dagenham.



The Brown family tuck in! The youngsters are asking for more—and Dad smiles. His kiddies have got appetites to be proud of!

THE BROWNS' WAR-TIME BUDGET

Rent (rates, etc.)	16 11
Coal	4 6
Gas and Electricity	3 10
Insurance	1 6
Clothes	3 0
Husband's expenses	1 6
Food	1 6
Sundries	2 5
	35 0

Rising prices or not, Mrs. Brown knows all her family get more nourishment since she found that ROWNTREE'S

### COCOA AID DIGESTION

"PRICES are for ever going up, these days," says Mrs. Brown. "And the kiddies are growing up at the same time, too! So naturally I have to watch the money extra carefully, because you can't 'go short' with children in the home, can you?"

"And we pay a big rent for our small family—16/11 a week—and that makes everything more difficult. That's why I'm so thankful to Rowntree's Cocoa. You have a look at my youngsters! You can see how fit and full of pep they are! I found out that Rowntree's Cocoa helps them digest everything they eat with it, and so makes all their food do them more good, and go further at the same time!"

ROWNTREE'S COCOA IS A FOOD, made by a special "pre-digestive" process, so that it is not only more digestible and nourishing itself—it helps people to digest all their other food more quickly and with less effort. This means children get more nourishment out of their meals—put on extra bone and muscle.

ROWNTREE'S COCOA CONTAINS COCOA BUTTER. With butter and other fats so difficult to get, the rich cocoa butter in Rowntree's is a valuable item in the diet of growing children. This fat content is lacking in other well-known meal-time beverages.

ROWNTREE'S COCOA TASTES RICH, CHOCOLATEY AND DELICIOUS. Rowntree's is more economical than ordinary cocoa and other drinks—half a teaspoonful makes one cup. Children love it. And taken at night-time, as your before-bed drink, Rowntree's warms up the whole system. What's more, because it is "pre-digested," it also helps everything you've eaten to digest more quickly. This means you sleep better, wake more refreshed next morning.

Still at pre-war prices—6d. qtr. lb., 11d. half lb.

Tips for the  
woman with  
no time  
to spare



2-minute treatments  
that keep you looking lovely  
by ANN DUDLEY

THESE BUSY DAYS few of us have much time to spare for beauty. Yet a few minutes spent on looking after one's looks are as good as a tonic, and work wonders in keeping charm up to pre-war standard.

At this time of year, skin often has a dull look due to the fact that the winter's dirt and dust have got down into the pores and stayed there. Get some Pond's Cold Cream and spring-clean that dirt away! The dirt will come away with the cream, leaving your skin fresh and clear.

### THE RIGHT LINE

#### TO TAKE WITH LINES

Your skin also needs lubricating or it will dry up and develop ageing little lines. Pond's Cold Cream is excellent as a lubricant. It stimulates the skin and the tissues beneath, so that lines are quickly smoothed away, rough chapped places healed.

### DEFENCE MEASURES

To keep your skin from chapping, smooth on Pond's Vanishing Cream before you powder, thinly on mild days.

more lavishly if it's cold and windy. You'll find it a wonderful protection as well as a splendid powder-base.

### TIME FOR A TONIC

Early spring is the time when you most need a tonic. So does your skin! Indoor life makes skin relaxed and flabby. But Pond's Skin Freshener, used after cleansing, banishes flabbiness, firms contours, makes big relaxed pores close up.

### MAKE-UP MIRACLES

The lovely smoothness Pond's Creams give your skin makes you long for something extra glamorous in the way of powder. Pond's have made it for you! Pond's Powder, "non-detectable" on the skin, is marvellously flattering, never gives that unlovely harsh look. It comes in 6 exquisite shades.

### WHERE TO BUY THE

#### POND'S PREPARATIONS

Pond's Preparations are sold by chemists, hairdressers and stores everywhere.



Pond's Cold Cream—Jars 5s., 2s. 13. 6d. Tubes 2s. 11. 6d. Pond's Vanishing Cream—Jars 2s. 13. 6d. Tubes 1s. 6d. Pond's Liquefying Cream—Jars 2s. 13. 6d. Pond's Skin Freshener—2s. 13. 6d. Pond's Tissues—(peach or white) 1s. 11. 6d. Pond's Face Powder—8 shades, 1s. 11. 6d.











# Goebbels Tells "Best Fairy Tale Since Snow White"

## MR. KENNEDY RIDICULES LIE FACTORY

### Plane Deals Not Off

New York, Saturday. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE TO THE ALLIES OF LATEST TYPE AMERICAN WARPLANES ARE NOT SUSPENDED, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE ALLIED PURCHASING MISSION.

"It is news to us," he commented when attention was drawn to U.S. newspaper reports of the suspension.

He drew attention to a statement in the authoritative "Wall Street Journal," which said:

"Negotiations for large-scale purchase of American fighters were being pushed actively overnight, with the tempo of the conferences showing signs of being speeded up."—B.U.P.

### 200 MORE FACTORIES GOING UP

By Our Industrial Correspondent MORE than 200 new factories are now going up in Britain.

Fifty of them are directly concerned with the rearmament programme, and include arsenals and aeroplane factories.

The majority of these are huge buildings, some employing 5,000 men on their construction.

The other 150 are being built by commercial firms, though some of them will help in the rearmament programme.

## War Office Probe COLONELS TO BE TESTED

FROM OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT IS TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL COLONELS BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR UNITS TO THE FRONT.

This step is being taken by the General Staff to give effect to the War Minister's assurance in Parliament that the lives of men would not be entrusted to inefficient officers.

Each report will be signed by the Brigadier and a member of the Divisional General Staff.

Reports will deal, in the case of each

## DID NOT SEND "ALLIES CAN'T WIN" REPORT

R. GOEBBELS IS AT IT AGAIN. THIS TIME IT IS A DREPORT ISSUED BY THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY THAT MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, U.S. AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, HAS LOST BRITAIN'S CONFIDENCE BY AN UNFAVOURABLE REPORT TO WASHINGTON ON THE ALLIES' WAR PROSPECTS.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, flatly denied the story yesterday.

And Mr. Kennedy said, "It's the best fairy tale I've read since 'Snow White.' Of course, there's no truth in it."

### BELLIGERENTS' CHANCES

This is the fairy tale. It came, say the Germans, in "confidential information" from the Hague.

Mr. Kennedy, on his recent visit to Washington, took a report on the belligerents' chances in the war which displeased the British Government.

He blamed Britain for diplomatic blunders, especially the guarantee to Poland, which led to difficulties in which the Western Powers now find themselves.

The story continues that Mr. Kennedy, from a political point of view, felt that the Western Powers had lost the war before it even started, and that they had no chance of winning on the Western Front.

Even in the opinion of British and French experts, Mr. Kennedy is supposed to have said, Germany enjoyed a clear superiority in the air.

Britain and France, he thought, also

lacked the economic background to overtake the lead Germany had secured in the manufacture of armaments.

Mr. Kennedy also "reported" his doubts about the efficacy of the British blockade and referred to anxiety and pessimism in financial circles at the losses caused by German counter-measures.

Such is Dr. Goebbels' latest yarn. Official circles in London described it as pure invention—a typical and rather more than usually clumsy effort to sow discord and suspicion between the United States and Great Britain.

### PLUCKY GIRL EVACUEES

From Our Own Correspondent

Bath, Saturday. WHEN fire broke out early today at a house in Bathwick-st., two London girl evacuees calmly began to pack their clothes while firemen struggled to reach the fifth-floor bedroom in which they had been cut off.

After making several attempts to climb the blazing staircase, the firemen erected a 50-ft. ladder-escape, and the girls, who were still in their night attire, were brought to safety.

Just before this, one of them threw a case containing her clothes out of the window and nearly knocked a fireman unconscious.

The girls are Miss Winifred Joseph, of Ewell, Surrey, and Miss Muriel Davis, of Peckham, S.E.

After their adventure they went to work.

### HITLER'S WORRIES:

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## PANIC MISSIONS TO NEUTRALS

Some supplies, too, are reaching Germany overland from neighbouring countries. But they are restricted by Germany's inability to pay. Those countries do not give things away.

These missions, sent out at Hitler's urgent instructions, prove how stupid are the Nazi statements that Germany is getting everything she wants and that she can last for years.

British experts point out that if Germany were really beating the blockade she would not be foolish enough to let the Allies know their secret and spur them to new efforts to stop up loopholes.

THE SUCCESS OF THE ALLIED CONTRABAND CONTROL HAS HAD OTHER INFLUENCES ON THE WAR SITUATION—THIS TIME IN THE DIPLOMATIC FIELD.

Ribbentrop's mission to Moscow is not purely an economic one. The Reich's Foreign Minister, who is to have a personal interview with Stalin, has been instructed by Hitler to present to the Red dictator a new plan of campaign.

There will also be renewed Nazi diplomatic activity in Italy.

### YOU FLATTER ME —Both Australian Bred



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON WESTERN FRONT

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B.E.F.)

France, Saturday.

IRISHMEN who are out here in the B.E.F.—including the Commander-in-Chief, General Lord Gort—will celebrate St. Patrick's Day to-morrow.

The Royal Irish Fusiliers, Royal Ulster Rifles and Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers will have special parades at which shamrock from Ireland will be handed to every man.

The Irish Fusiliers pipers will march round the billets of the village in which the battalion is accommodated, playing the traditional airs. But there will be no drummers out of regard for the French civilian population. It has been decided that drums would be too noisy for Palm Sunday. General Sir John Dill will hand out the shamrock.

Commanding officers will issue shamrock at church parade in the case of the Ulster Rifles.

### Nazis' Latest

## "STARTLING EVENT" PROPHECY

Berlin, Saturday. GERMAN OFFICIALS WERE BUSY TODAY PREPARING THE WORLD FOR WHAT THEY MYSTERIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS A "STARTLING EVENT" NEXT WEEK, WHICH WOULD SHOW THAT ITALY WAS ON GERMAN'S SIDE "IN EVERY WAY EXCEPT ACTUALLY GOING TO WAR."

Informed German observers meanwhile listed five benefits which the Reich was said to have derived from Ribbentrop's visit to Italy:

1. Germany and Italy came closer together.
2. All-round appeasement of the Balkans seemed assured.
3. Foundations for Italo-Russian rapprochement had been laid.
4. Ribbentrop's talk with the Pope "evoked very favourable reaction."
5. Ribbentrop was able to give Mussolini some last-minute messages for President Roosevelt's envoy, Sumner Welles.

### "SWORN TO SECRECY"

Officials, who implied that they know what Italy's next move was going to be, delighted in saying that they were "sworn to secrecy."

It was understood that both Rome and Berlin were working for Balkan appeasement before Ribbentrop's visit to Rome.

Germany obtained a promise from Russia not to make any claims on Bessarabia (Czarist Province lost to Rumania), while Italy pressed Hungary not to insist on her revisionist claims just yet. (Hungary claims part of Transylvania from Rumania.)

Instead, Rumania is being urged to conclude non-aggression pacts with Russia and Hungary.

## SHIPWRECKED MEN SAVED BY DESTROYER

Oslo, Saturday. THE Swedish steamer Osman (1,316 tons) went aground last night in a storm near Risør, while on her way from Gothenburg to England. This morning the ship's masthead, to which a man was clinging, was sighted from the shore.

A Norwegian destroyer which went out returned with five of the crew and the Norwegian pilot.

Later the destroyer found four more men, including the captain and mate, on a little island. Eight or 10 others are believed to have been lost.—Reuter.

## FRENCH LAND IN GERMANY, ESCAPE

Berlin, Saturday. THE escape of a French aeroplane back to France, after it had landed in German territory, is reported by the official German News Agency.

The plane landed at about seven o'clock this morning in an isolated spot in the Saar region, the crew having obviously lost their bearings.

The two occupants, adds the Agency, "threatened some unarmed workmen close by and demanded that they should show them the direction towards France."

Having obtained the desired indications, and as there were no troops near by to prevent them, the airmen started up their plane again and escaped.—Reuter.

### DALADIER CRITICISED

M. Daladier, who has been criticised for retaining the portfolios of War, National Defence and Foreign Affairs, is expected to announce the changes himself.

## STOP PRESS

MARCH 17, 1940

The People

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1940.



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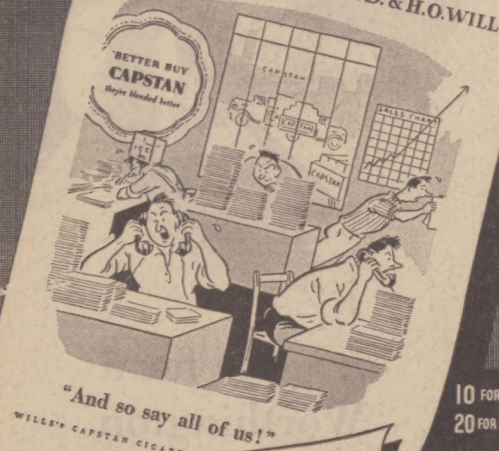


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## CAROL'S "NO" TO HITLER

Bukarest, Saturday.

ALTHOUGH KING CAROL OF RUMANIA HAS MADE A PEACE WITH THE PRO-NAZI IRON GUARD, HE HAS REJECTED HITLER'S OFFER OF FRONTIER GUARANTEES BY RUSSIA AND HUNGARY IN RETURN FOR VAST ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY.

Today King Carol issued a royal proclamation offering freedom to 800 members of the Iron Guard, outlawed since it engineered the assassination of Premier Calinescu some months ago.

Carol is nevertheless reported adamant in his refusal to bow to Germany's latest diplomatic blitzkrieg.

### HITLER'S PLAN

Authoritative quarters stated that Germany had told Rumania that Russia would sign a 25-year non-aggression pact with Bukarest, while Hungary would give her a 10-year pledge not to press for territorial revision.

On the Nazi demand for inclusion of an Iron Guardist in his Cabinet, Carol

is said to have based his refusal to accept the plan, which provided for:—

1. A complete monopoly of Rumanian oil, cereals and other products.
2. A Rumanian undertaking to demobilise most of the 1,600,000 men now under arms and their return to the fields and factories.
3. Speed-up of Rumanian industry and agriculture under German guidance.
4. A member of the Iron Guard to be included in the Cabinet.

Some observers considered that King Carol had in mind the fate of Austria after the inclusion of the Nazi Seers-Inquart in the Austrian Cabinet.

The German plan would give the Reich such control of Rumanian oil and cereals and other exports that Rumania would retain for export elsewhere only 6 per cent. of these commodities above the average of the annual domestic consumption for the past five years.

### GERMANS EATING SEEDS NOW

MANY ARE ILL

Zurich, Saturday. REPORTS that German people were secretly buying seeds from farmers and using them for making cakes and soups were substantiated today by the newspaper "Westphälische Zeitung," which issued a warning against the practice.

The warning declared that seeds for show purposes had been used to a considerable extent for food, with the result that at Dortmund several persons were in hospital.

Persons were also taken to hospital in other towns and villages along the Rhine and in Westphalia.